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WEATHER FORECAST
Local—Increasing cloudiness and warmer followed by light snow in the afternoon or night and a change to colder at night.
Eastern New York—Cloudy with rising temperature. Light snow.
New Jersey—Cloudy with rising temperature. Colder Sunday.

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MINE UNION AFFIRMS NEW DEAL BACKING

U. S. CONSUL SLAPPED WHILE PROBING RAPE

Was Investigating Charges of Chinese Woman Seized From U. S. University

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28 (UP).—Secretary of State Cordell Hull tonight cabled instructions to Ambassador Joseph C. Grew to present a vigorous protest to high Foreign Office officials in Tokio over the slapping of Consul John M. Allison by a Japanese soldier at Nanking.

(By United Press)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28 (UP).—The State Department tonight made public a report stating that Consul John M. Allison at Nanking was slapped on the face by a Japanese soldier while investigating a Chinese woman's charge that she had been raped three times by Japanese soldiers who kidnaped her forcibly from Nanking (American) University.

The report, cabled to the Department by Allison, said that the episode occurred Jan. 26. He said he was accompanied by Charles Riggs, an American citizen and member of the university faculty, who also was attacked by the Japanese soldier.

The report said that the incident was the outgrowth of an irregular entry of Japanese soldiers on American property, in which the raiding troops had forced their way into the university grounds and allegedly seized a Chinese woman who returned two hours later and reported she had been thrice assaulted.

Only yesterday the State Department announced that Ambassador Joseph C. Grew had lodged a strong protest from this Government over the looting of American property in China with high Japanese officials.

FDR Confers With State Dep't Heads At White House

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28 (UP).—President Roosevelt conferred late today for more than an hour and a half with Secretary of State Cordell Hull, Undersecretary Sumner Welles and Norman Davis, ambassador-at-large.

The three left the White House at 5:45 P. M. They declined to state the nature of the discussions, referring questioners directly to the President.

Barkley Says Will Defer Anti-Lynch Bill

Maryland Gov. Backs Measure in Statement to Negro Congress

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—Senate Majority Leader Alben W. Barkley, D., Ky., announced after a White House conference tonight that the anti-lynch bill would be temporarily sidetracked on Monday in favor of the new housing legislation.

The decision was hailed as a victory for the Southern senators who for three weeks have filibustered against the anti-lynch measure.

Barkley spent 20 minutes with President Roosevelt in an unscheduled meeting. He told newspapermen he expected no prolonged delay in enactment of the housing amendments and that he was hopeful of getting an agreement on the conference report on the new agricultural bill by midweek.

GOV. NICE BACKS ANTI-LYNCH BILL

(Special to the Daily Worker)

BALTIMORE, Md., Jan. 28.—"There should be no question about my attitude. I am in favor of the anti-lynching bill." In these terse terms, Gov. Harry W. Nice of Maryland stated his complete support for the Wagner-Van Nuys Anti-Lynching Bill. Gov. Nice stated his support to the measure in reply to a query on his position by the National Negro Congress.

Sees U. S.-British Pact

LEEDS, Eng., Jan. 28 (UP).—Sir John Simon, Chancellor of the Exchequer, said tonight that Anglo-American trade negotiations were progressing rapidly and that an agreement may be reached soon.

Answering the Stolberg Lies in the Scripps-Howard Chain

The Communist Policy in the Trade Unions

By ALAN MAX

ARTICLE I

(This is the first of a series of articles on the Communist Party policy in the trade unions answering the falsehoods of Benjamin Stolberg in his articles in the Scripps-Howard press.)

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"It is necessary to institute in all labor organizations a regime or rigid mistrust of everyone directly or indirectly connected with the Stalinist apparatus."—Leon Trotzky in the Socialist Appeal, Nov. 20, 1937.

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"Reds! Communists! Stalinists! Moscow!"

The good old red herring has been worked overtime during the past several weeks. It has been swished around so much that the air itself smells fishy. The same old cry that we are all familiar with.

But this time the attack upon the Communists has been tied up with the CIO. "The Reds are dominating the CIO! Drive the Communists from the CIO!"

Let us take a look behind the scenes of this latest red herring performance.

The open-shoppers, the big monopolists have been aggravating the economic recession in the hope of smashing the unions, lowering wages and twisting the National Labor Relations Act into an Anti-Labor Relations Act.

The head of a large industrial city, Mayor Frank "I Am The Law Hague," has been straining his throat with hoarse cries about the "Communist CIO" as he tries to preserve the sacred rights of the sweat shop.

UNITY SET BACK

Meanwhile, the unity needed by the labor movement in order to meet this attack head on and put the enemy to rout, had received a setback when the A. F. of L. Executive Council broke up negotiations with the CIO by its refusal to take back the entire CIO membership—4,000,000 strong. The Executive Council stood exposed as the disruptors of unity, while the CIO was seen as its strongest supporter.

Naturally, the Executive Council was anxious to shift the responsibility for the rupture of the negotiations onto the shoulders of the CIO. And, quite naturally, the open-shoppers, who had most to gain through a split labor movement, were only too willing to help the Executive Council crawl out from under.

This was the moment taken by the Scripps-Howard papers—in this city the World-Telegram—to present its readers with a scoop entitled "Inside the CIO," in 12 parts. (One part fact, 11 parts lies.)

The author: a gentleman named Ben Stolberg.

His theme: "Oh, how I love the CIO, but drive the reds out of the orgnization."

WHO IS STOLBERG

Who is Stolberg? Is he a member of the CIO? Or of the A. F. of L.? No. Has he ever held a position in a union? No. Who is he, then? An active organizer of the so-called Trotzky Defense Committee. A free lance political adventurer who forms a bridge between the Trotzkyites and the Lovestoneites. A writer who picks up just enough gossip about the labor movement to give the reader the impression that he is in on the "inside." (Actually, as will be shown later, his articles are as full of misinformation as of destructive intentions.)

The World-Telegram itself gave the show away when it said in an editorial that "if the author were the president of the United States Chamber of Commerce," nobody would "think the articles especially significant"—meaning that nobody would believe a word of them. But coming from someone whom the Scripps-Howard press thinks it can palm off as "a well-known radical, a left-wing plus" (whatever that may be), then the articles become "worth more than usual attention."

Stolberg did not even have any of the new lies to offer. Just the same old ones. But he dished them up in a new way—following the recipe of Trotzky—and

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WPA JOB BILL SUPPORTED AT CONVENTION

Kennedy Blasts Hitler in Report on Czech Miners' Congress

By A. B. Magil

(Special to the Daily Worker)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—By a unanimous rising vote, the 35th constitutional convention of the United Mine Workers of America today affirmed its faith in the progressive leadership of President Roosevelt and resolved to fight for the maintenance and extension of his program over the opposition of the reactionary big business interests.

The resolution was one of nine reported by the resolutions committee and approved this afternoon. It was a substitute for a number of resolutions introduced by various locals, nine of which urged that Roosevelt be drafted for a third term. The delegates voted to refer this question to the next convention in 1940.

Other high points of today's sessions, which marked the fourth day of the convention, were:

1. Unanimous approval of a resolution urging passage of the Schwellenbach-Allen resolutions by Congress and the appropriation of three billion dollars for WPA for the present and next fiscal year.

HITLER DENOUNCED

2. A speech by Thomas E. Kennedy, secretary-treasurer of the U. M. W. and Lieutenant-Governor of Pennsylvania, denouncing the Hitler dictatorship for its persecution of the trade unions and its suppression of democracy.

3. Adoption of that section of the report of the international officers assailing the use of the National Guard for strike-breaking purposes and urging the enactment of Federal legislation barring its use in labor disputes.

4. Passage of a resolution sharply condemning local and state officials who used violence against last year's steel strike.

A spontaneous burst of applause greeted the reading of the resolution on Roosevelt. It pointed to the enactment of the Wagner Labor Relations Act and other social legislation under his leadership and condemned "the determined and ruthless opposition of those who now possess the giant's share of the benefits of our culture and civilization and whose selfish interests blind them to every sense of justice and impel them to every course of corruption and ruthlessness in thwarting the achievements of this program."

TO PUSH PROGRAM

The resolution concluded: "Be it resolved that the United Mine Workers of America herewith affirms its faith in the leadership of President Roosevelt in the struggle to bring the benefits of our culture and civilization to the American masses by a program dedicated to social and humanitarian purposes; and

"Further resolved that the United Mine Workers of America hereby dedicates itself to the maintenance and extension of this program of President Franklin D. Roosevelt so that its benefits may be enjoyed by ourselves and our children, and to the continued struggle under his leadership against the ruthless and selfish opposition of reactionary interests."

Other resolutions approved a legislative program for introduction in State Legislatures, urged the broadening and liberalization of the Social Security Act, endorsed the work of the international officers, condemned the Daughters of the American Revolution for refusing to permit the U.M.W. convention to meet in their hall, and requested the international officers to accept back salaries on the basis of the increase voted to them at the last convention two years ago. This raises the salary of President John L. Lewis from $12,500 to $25,000 a year and those of Vice President Philip Murray and Secretary-Treasurer Kennedy from $9,000 to $18,000 a year.

REPORTS ON PARLEY

Kennedy's attack on the Nazi dictatorship came in the course of discussion on that section of the report of the international officers dealing with the Congress of the Miners' International Federation held in Prague, Czechoslovakia, last August. Kennedy attended the Con-

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Roosevelt Asks Billion for Navy

President Cites Huge Armaments By Other Nations and Points to Present Wars in China, Spain in Message to Congress

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28 (UP).—President Roosevelt today called on Congress to authorize a long-term, billion-dollar defense program to increase the strength of the American navy by 20 per cent.

He said this was required to assure this country's security in a war-torn world.

To start the program, Mr. Roosevelt asked for funds to lay down two new battleships in the coming fiscal year, as well as $20,260,000 for immediate army and navy additions and ammunition.

As a corrollary to his arms recommendations, the President asked Congress to enact legislation to prevent profiteering in future wars and to insure equalization of war burdens.

LONG-TIME PLAN

Mr. Roosevelt's immediate spending request was sharply lower than had been anticipated, but his long term program, largely devoted to a 20 per cent increase in the authorized strength of the American navy, will require spending of close to one billion dollars.

Completion of the recommended naval program would give the United States a navy second to none in the world—of strength equal to Britain's fleet.

The President's requests were over and above regular army and navy estimates which, for the 1939 fiscal year total approximately another billion dollars.

The President supported his program with a flat statement that our present national defense is, "in the light of the increasing armaments of the other nations, inadequate for purposes of national security."

He cited the wars currently in progress in Spain and China and the almost universal trend toward armament increases as the causes for his alarm for the United States' present position.

Specifically, the President asked Congress to authorize and appropriate for the immediate start of construction of two more battleships. That would bring the total

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Chinese Vise Traps Invader At Yengchow

30 Japanese Planes Destroyed By Raid on Nanking Field

(Special to the Daily Worker)

HANKOW, Jan. 28.—The Japanese salient at Yengchow, key city of Shantung province, has been caught in the grip of a powerful double Chinese flank attack, military dispatches received here today said.

One column of Chinese troops, leading the revitalized Chinese defense in Shantung following the execution of General Han Fu-chu, is sweeping down around the left wing of the Japanese defenses near Chowhsian, driving towards Yenchow from the northeast.

On the right flank, another battle is in progress near Mengin, due east of Yenchow.

The Japanese are rushing up reinforcements to this sector to buttress the defenses of the city.

WIN BACK IHING

Meanwhile the Chinese guerrilla movement in the districts occupied by the Japanese south of the Yangtze River is spreading, forcing the Japanese to fight against a ba ing enemy or withdraw to strongly-held garrison towns and railroads.

Partisan units 8,000 strong have won back Ihing, on the west bank of Lake Tai.

A Japanese force of 10,000 troops has been brought up to meet the threat of a further Chinese advance in this area more than 50 miles behind the Japanese lines at Nanking.

A full infantry brigade has been rushed up to the Suchow-Kaising line by the Japanese high command to hold off the drive of Chinese guerrilla fighters.

DESTROY 30 NIPPON PLANES

An attempt of Japanese troops to ferry the Klanting River near Hangchow on Wednesday was halted.

Meanwhile, the tip of the Japanese thrust beyond Nanking is still Wuhu, the latest Japanese attempt to attack being muffled by stonewall Chinese defenses.

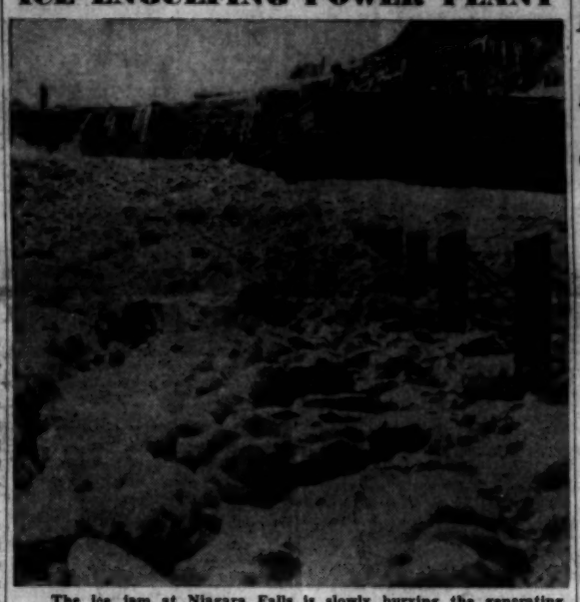
The Chinese line now passes through Shiweichen, 12 miles southwest of Wuhu.

Official dispatches today confirmed reports that during the Chinese air raid on the Japanese airdrome at Nanking, 30 Japanese planes were destroyed. Several Japanese pilots were killed.

The bombardment trapped the Japanese when Chinese pilots power-dived from high in the sky,

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ICE ENGULFING POWER PLANT



The ice jam at Niagara Falls is slowly burying the generating plant of the Ontario Hydroelectric Commission which was abandoned when the ice partially covered it and threatened to sweep it from its site below the falls. Power equipment valued at over $1,000,000 is believed to have been completely ruined.

Sees Trusts Evading Pledge To Roosevelt

Jackson Doubts If Industry Will Make Any Concessions

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Jan. 28 (UP). Assistant Attorney General Robert H. Jackson speaking before the New York Press Association meeting here, doubted that industry is prepared today to make concessions in the public interest. He said Congress is in no mood to authorize relaxation of anti-trust laws.

"The government cannot become a party to a planned stabilization that does not assure an equitable distribution of its advantages between creditors, stockholders, management and labor which together constitute the industry."

He said that he saw no signs of "our ability to make the intricacies of such a system work with the facilities available in this generation." He added that "until we know more about the facts of modern economics, until we have more wise men in business and more able men in government, we had better stick to making the best of the system that we have."

17 Drowned When Gales Lash Coast Off Honduras

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras, Jan. 28 (UP).—Winds of hurricane proportions lashed the coast of Honduras today, taking a toll of at least 17 lives when three boats sank and causing wide spread damage to plantations.

Five passengers were drowned, including one woman and a child, when the Schooner Claudia sank off Omoa. Seven others were lost when the Schooner Juanita went down in La Ceiba Bay and five lost their lives when the schooner Jongo sank near Tela.

NMU Leader Shot in Leg By Strikebreakers in Porto Rico Dock Strike

SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, Jan. 28.—Fredrick Myers, leader of the National Maritime Union, was shot and wounded in the leg here by a group of strikebreakers using terrorist tactics against striking native longshoremen.

Five men, including Myers, were arrested after the latter was wounded following a visit to the crew aboard the Porto Rico Line steamship Borinquen.

Reactionary business men, feeling the effectiveness of the strike, looked hopefully to Gov. Blanton Winship to carry through his threat to institute martial law on the waterfront.

Big Business Opens Drive on Labor Board

Chamber of Commerce Demands Investigation of Board as Burke Assails Policies—Brophy Urges Protests Against Probe

By Adam Lapin

(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—The long expected campaign of big business to amend the Wagner Act and hamstring the National Labor Relations Board was officially launched today by the United States Chamber of Commerce.

With perfect timing, the Chamber issued a demand for a thorough-going investigation of the act and of its administration as Senator Edward R. Burke finished making the same demand before a subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Confirming charges by CIO Director John Brophy that a concerted campaign to amend the Wagner Act with coercive, anti-labor provisions is being planned, the Chamber backed to the limit the demands which Burke has been making for the last two days.

SEES WIDE DRIVE

Brophy said last week that efforts to curtail appropriations for the board, Burke's demand for an investigation, and the introduction of five bills amending the Wagner Act were all part of a nationwide campaign by big business against the rights of labor.

Meanwhile, strong senatorial opposition to the business-inspired demand for the investigation of the Labor Board came from three members of the Senate sub-committee.

These were Senators George W. Norris, of Nebraska, Carl A. Hatch of New Mexico, and Matthew M. Neely, chairman of the sub-committee.

The Chamber's demand for an investigation was voiced by a special sub-committee.

The committee's report constitutes a direct frontal attack both

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Loyalist Attack Threatens to Isolate Franco

Bitter Battle Rages at Teruel, Gov't Hammers Huge Franco Forces

MADRID, Jan. 28 (UP).—The main body of fascist troops besieging Teruel on the Lower Aragon front has been cut off from its communications to the rear in violent fighting, it was reported unofficially tonight.

Unofficial reports said about 40,000 of Franco's best troops, including Navarese brigades and Monarchist Requetes, were cut off and that heavy fighting continued around Singra, 25 miles north of Teruel.

HENDAYE, Franco-Spanish Frontier, Jan. 28.—Hammer-like Loyalist attacks north of Teruel today threatened to isolate the huge fascist armies which General Francisco Franco has poured into the Teruel salient in a vain attempt to regain his fallen stronghold on the Lower Aragon front.

Forty thousand Government and fascist troops locked in battle as Loyalist battalions struck against the important fascist supply artery

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- *The Fight Against Unemployment. What Is Labor Doing? The Full Report of Intended Action, as given by Philip Murray at the U. M. W. Convention.*

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Robeson's Voice Rings Out Over Spain Front, Sings for US Brigade

Amplifiers Carry Songs of Great Negro Singer Over Lines of Loyalists, Fascists, to Give Series of Concerts, Will Visit U. S. Soon

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

BARCELONA, Jan. 28.—Paul Robeson, famous American Negro singer, arrived in Madrid yesterday morning after singing in Bonicasim before wounded soldiers of the International Brigades.

"I help those who raise the flag of equality and fraternity among the men of all races," he told the press. "My songs are taken from the lips of those who suffer and fight in other continents for the triumph of equality.

"Spain is my second country. I sang in London for the benefit of Spain. I sang before the workers of England for the benefit of the Basque refugee children. I shall sing in Madrid tonight for the Loyalist soldiers who are in the trenches."

By Joseph North
(Special Cable to the Daily Worker)

BARCELONA, Jan. 28.—Paul Robeson, world famous singer told me yesterday that all who wish to see democracy triumph throughout the world must align themselves with Republican Spain.

He has come here to sing his magnificent songs to the soldiers at the front and the people who are putting up such a splendid fight for liberty and wounded American volunteers in their hospital at Benicasim on the Mediterranian heard their favorite song Old Man River by the great artist himself.

Robeson later sang it himself over the radio in Madrid changing the phrase "Tired of Living, Scared of Dying" to "Won't stop fighting until I am dying."

"Everybody who wishes equality and fraternity of all races and peoples must give whatever aid they can to the Spanish Republic," Robeson said.

His songs, Robeson said, are derived from the lips of those men who on other continents suffer and fight for equality.

"Spain is another Fatherland for me because it recognizes no difference between races," he said.

Robeson concerts here will be transmitted to all parts of Loyalist Spain, so that his voice will reach the men in the trenches. That was his request and the Government gladly conceded to it.

"These trenches are the front lines in the fight for world democracy," Robeson said.

Robeson's broadcast was not advertised in advance because of a recent ruling of the War Department. The fascists have taken to bombing public places at which distinguished visitors have been announced. This happened at Valencia with British Labor deputies. Robeson is the second well known Negro figure here in several weeks John P. Davis, head of the American Negro Congress, toured the fronts several weeks ago. We entered Teruel together and he said then, as Robeson did today, that Republican Spain is like another homeland to him because of the complete equality here of all peoples and races.

DELEGATES TO SUPREME SOVIET



On Jan. 12 the first session of the Supreme Soviet met in the Kremlin Great Palace in Moscow. Photo shows a group of deputies from Soviet Tajikistan who attended the sessions dressed in their native costume.

Terror Increases as Nazis, Italians Seek Hold in Peru

Sweeping Penetration of Fascists Into All Spheres of Peruvian Life, Leading Revolutionaries Jailed, Tortured

PERU (By Mail).—In the past few months, the penetration, not only economic but political, of Italian, German and Japanese fascist imperialism in Peru has been more pronounced than ever before. Aided by the military dictatorship that solicited their help against the Peruvian people, they threaten not only the democracy and independence of the Peruvian people, but also the security and peace of the continent. An entire Italian commission of fascist police, a fascist aviation commission and numerous Italian and German emissaries have been brought over and placed at the head of the police force, air corps, army, and even in the State's administrative apparatus. An Italian factory for the manufacture of Caproni airplanes has been established right in Lima and there have been very extensive economic and financial concessions given over to Italo-German enterprises.

TERROR INCREASED

Simultaneously, the terror has increased. The application of fascist methods of repression, under the immediate direction of the Italian Police Commission is keeping the entire country in a state of siege.

An Italian General who tried to force himself on the University of Lima was evicted by a vigorous protest of the student body led by the Communists.

This has been the signal for the opening of a real hunting season on students, militant Apristas and Communists, and of numerous non-party intellectuals.

Jose Maria Arguedas, the well known writer, Manuel Moreno Jeneno, the poet, Jose Ortiz Reyes, a student, and Alicia del Prado, famous women's leader, have been thrown into jail and placed in solitary confinement.

Numerous bombings, which have taken place during these last few days, have been caused in the main by police provocateurs but also by some honest but confused and desperate people. This has been the pretext for the application of the most extreme methods against the people by the police. Jails are filled to capacity. Mass arrests of citizens take place daily. All those in the streets after midnight are arrested, cars are searched and their occupants arrested. Those convicted, even though it be because possession of a Communist or Aprista (anti-imperialist party) leaflet are savagely tortured.

REVOLUTIONIST TORTURED

During one of these nightly raids, Jorge del Prado, an outstanding figure in the revolutionary movement, was taken and has been horribly tortured until he could not walk or talk. The police then faked a letter from him, renouncing his affiliation with the Communist Party. At present he is before the "Police Zone," a form of Court Martial and is in imminent peril of his life. Other prominent left leaders who have been arrested and tortured are; Nicolas Terreros, Communist leader in prison for three years; Julio Portocarrero, General Secretary of the General Confederation of Labor of Peru; Arturo Sabroso, outstanding Aprista labor leader and the following Aprista leaders, Carlos Manuel Cox; Manuel Vasques Diaz; Serafin del Mar; Pedro Muniz.

A vast international campaign denouncing these crimes of Civilista tyranny is urgent. It is necessary to mobilize world opinion to hold back the wave of terror rampant in this country.

CROSBIE TO SPEAK AT NASSAU LENIN RALLY

HEMPSTEAD, L. I., Jan. 28.—Paul Crosbie, Queens County chairman of the Communist Party and councilmanic candidate in the last municipal elections, will be the main speaker at a Nassau County Lenin memorial banquet next Sunday, Jan. 30, at 7:30 P. M. at the Hempstead Palace, 36 Main St.

C. P. Calls for Protest Against Goga Regime

Demonstration Outside Rumania Consulate Feb. 5

Proclaiming that "democratic America will not tolerate continued persecution of Jews and national minorities in Rumania," the New York State Committee of the Communist Party yesterday called for a demonstration outside the Rumanian consulate Saturday, Feb. 5, at 11:30 A.M. The consulate is at 1819 Broadway, near 59th St. and Columbus Circle.

"Premier Goga of Rumania," the statement declared, "following in the footsteps of Hitler, Polish and Italian fascism, has dictated a course for the vilest anti-Semitism. Nearly 1,000,000 Jews in Rumania face destruction. They are being hounded and persecuted and deprived of a living and civil rights."

Warning that "Goga, the would-be Hitler of Rumania, is stirring up fascist Black Hundreds against the Rumanian Jews," the statement continues:

"Rumania plays a very important part in the whole world struggle for peace and democracy against fascism and war. Rumania has been linked up with France and indirectly with the Soviet Union for the maintenance of peace. But Hitler's agents in Rumania, working overtime, are trying to bring about a breach between Rumania and France, and a cancellation of the peace pact with the Soviet Union, the citadel of peace.

"Rumania thus becomes one of the connecting links with Hitler and Mussolini for war toward the East, namely, against the Soviet Ukraine as part of the Soviet Union.

"In order to mask these activities, Goga is making a scapegoat of a million Jews. Although the Jewish minority supposedly is protected in the treaty of the League of Nations, the League has failed to act.

"The whole world is horrified at the spread of anti-Semitic terror in Rumania following upon the excesses against the Jews particularly in Germany and Poland and the manifestations of fascism in Brazil. The situation is so critical that President Roosevelt and Secretary of State Hull have reminded Goga and the fascists of Rumania that America does not approve of the war of hate against the Jews."

U. S. CRUISERS MAY REMAIN AT BRITISH BASE

3 Vessels Bound for Singapore May Stay Indefinitely

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28 (FP).—An increase of wage rates of 15 per cent for those engaged in harvesting sugar beets was ordered by the Department of Agriculture here under the terms of the Sugar Act.

The Sugar Act requires as one of the conditions of payments to growers that all persons employed on a farm in the production, cultivation and harvesting of sugar beets and sugar cane shall be paid in full for such work at rates not less than those that may be determined by the Secretary of Agriculture.

The determination made by the Secretary is retrocative to September 1, 1937, the date on which the Sugar Act became effective. Fair wage rates set run from 87 cents per ton for 19 tons or over to $1.07 for between seven and eight tons. The fair wage scales were set following hearings in which sugar beet workers affiliated with the United Cannery, Agricultural Packing and Allied Workers, a CIO affiliate, and others testified.

Boston Lenin Rally to Reply To 'Witch-Hunt'

Hathaway to Speak at Philadelphia Lenin Meeting Feb. 16

(Special to the Daily Worker)

BOSTON, Jan. 28.—The "witch-hunt" Bill 624 continuing the legislative investigation of so-called "subversive" activities in the Bay State was passed Wednesday by a vote of 62 to 11 at the second reading in the State Legislature.

The Ways and Means Committee had recommended passage of the bill despite a stiff fight against the red-baiting measure put up by Massachusetts progressives.

The Lenin memorial meeting at Symphony Hall, Boston, at 2 P. M. on Sunday, Jan. 30, will answer the passage of the measure, which is aimed to curb liberty in the State which cradled the American Revolution.

Pat Toohey, District Organizer of the Eastern Pennsylvania District of the Communist Prty will be the main speaker. His topic will be "Lenin and American Democracy."

Phil Frankfeld, State secretary of the Massachusetts Party, will speak on the local political situation, with particular emphasis on coming social labor legislation in the Commonwealth.

HATHAWAY IN PHILADELPHIA ON FEB. 16

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 28.—Clarence Hathaway, editor of the Daily Worker will be the principal speaker at the Lenin Memorial meeting staged here on Wednesday, Feb. 16, at 8 P. M. at Convention Hall, 34th below Spruce St.

Mother Bloor will tell of her experiences on her recent trip to the Soviet Union. Pat Toohey, district organizer of the Communist Party of Eastern Pennsylvania will be chairman.

Fascists Attempt to Wreck League, Soviet Press Says; Points to Need of Firm Stand

Soviet Organ Criticizes Weaknesses of England, France in Not Upholding League Covenant—Fascist Aggression Aided By Their Stand

(Wireless to the Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, Jan. 28.—Both Spain and the League of Nations will be the target of renewed attack by the fascist powers thanks to the continued cowardice and capitulation of the two big Western democratic powers, Britain and France, the Geneva correspondent of Izvestia indicates in a despatch today on the 100th session of the League of Nations Council.

It is expected in Geneva that Italy will soon resign from the so-called "Non-Intervention" Committee and will flood Spain with troops and equipment in an attempt to end the war with a fascist victory.

The fascist tactic against the League is to use both an open and direct attack upon the League as a whole, and an onslaught from within against the collective security provisions of the Covenant.

"The aggressor bloc understands full well that, with the relation of forces as it is now, and even despite the obvious weakness of Britain and France and their indecision in foreign policy, the aggressor bloc will not be able to compel at least the European members of the League to sever openly with the League and quit Geneva," Izvestia's correspondent writes.

"If Italy did not succeed in this maneuver even with Austria and Hungary, it is obvious that the chances of breaking other powers away from the League is still less.

WOULD HAVE DEBATE CLUB

"That is why the aggressor bloc is now striving not to compel one or another small or medium-sized state to leave Geneva, but through them in every way to attempt to smash the collective obligations of the League Covenant, to abolish them and gradually to transform the League into a debating society."

"What should have been the reply of Britain and France to attempts by the aggressor bloc both to open a direct broadside against the League and to foment internal conspiracies within the League with the aid of witting or unwitting agents of this bloc?" Izvestia asks.

"The natural thing would have been to repulse sharply and decisively every attempt to shake the basic foundations of the Covenant and collective security.

"This repulse would have created the necessary impression upon the aggressors, inasmuch as the latter appreciate full well the argument of force.

"But the things being said are completely at variance with this reply. The aggressor bloc is preparing new proof of its purely 'business-like' activity.

"No doubt it is felt here that Mussolini in the near future will announce Italy's resignation from the 'Non-Intervention' Committee and will send new large forces to Spain to 'mop up the Republicans.'

"Hitler's assistance in this new adventure, it is declared here, was bought at the price of a final agreement to a 'government turnover' in Austria, which is tantamount to a Nazi coup d'etat in Vienna.

"Apparently all previous experiences have convinced the aggressors that the policy of the accomplished fact is the best way to act towards Britain and France."

3 Powers to Ask U.S. Aid In Giving Arms to China

Report British, French and Soviet Union Agree to Step at League Session—Litvinoff Supports Plea by China Delegate

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GENEVA, Jan. 28 (UP).—Great Britain, France and the Soviet Union agreed tonight after daylong consultations to seek cooperation of the United States in supplying arms, ammunition and war supplies to China.

In addition to war supplies, the major powers would supply China with credits to carry on her resistance against Japan.

The decision to approach the United States was reached shortly before the meeting of delegates of Britain, France and the U.S.S.R. with China's League delegation, adjourned at 7:45 P. M.

V. K. Wellington Koo, Chinese ambassador to France, was reported to have asserted during the consultation that China wants League sanctions against Japan. Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden of Britain and Foreign Minister Yvon Delbos of France were said to have answered quickly that sanctions were impossible at this time but suggested that a compromise might be provided to supply China with "secret" shipments of arms, munitions and credits.

AGREE TO APPROACH U. S.

The question of possible United States cooperation was raised and, after long consultation, Britain, France and the U.S.S.R. agreed to approach the United States government.

As result, it was understood, the Chinese delegation agreed to abandon for the time being its appeal for direct League action against Japan, thereby avoiding what might become another serious blow to League prestige and a reopening of attacks by smaller powers upon Article XVI of the Covenant.

Dr. Wellington Koo probably will speak before the Council tomorrow, explaining developments in the Far East since the last council meeting but refraining from any plea for invocation of the Covenant or convocation of the committee of 23.

The Council, according to plans laid by the big powers, probably will adopt a resolution supporting China as a means of helping the Chinese place their case before world opinion.

In today's secret consultations Maxim Litvinoff, Soviet Foreign Commissar, staunchly supported China's appeal for direct aid from the democracies.

New USSR Harvest Plan Proves Final Victory of Collective Farm System

Decision of People's Commissars to Extend Grain Area for Scientific Tilling Marks Epic Change in Food Supply of People

(Wireless to the Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, Jan. 28.—The final victory of the Socialist collective farm system in the Soviet Union was indicated today in a decision of the Council of People's Commissars of the U.S.S.R. simultaneously to reduce the area under grain cultivation and to increase the grain harvest.

The 1938 agricultural plan, published today in all Soviet newspapers, takes the epoch-making turn of depending upon scientific tilling of the soil to increase the food supply of the Soviet people instead of extending the grain area.

Instead, a huge increase in the area given over to fodder is provided in order to speed up livestock breeding, which is still in the back ranks of Soviet agriculture.

BASIC DIFFERENCE

The plan also differs basically from previous annual plans in that plans for Spring, fallow planting, winter sowing and first ploughing are all incorporated into a single plan for the whole year, where previously each plan was issue separately and at different times.

This marks the higher development of scientific agriculture during the years since collectivization, allowing a longer range perspective in national planning.

The grain crop area will be reduced about 11,583 square miles, though the total area under cultivation will be considerably increased. Other crops to be cultivated over a lesser areas are flax and sugarbeet.

The collective farms and State farms are already approaching the task set by Joseph Stalin two years ago of producing from 7,000,000,000 to 8,000,000,000 poods of grain, or 112,000,000 to 128,000,000 tons.

Planned areas under cultivation, given in the council's decision, follow:

Spring sowing — 90,804,900 hectareas; fallow planting — 32,641,700 hectares; winter grain sowing—38,481,000 hectares; autumn ploughing—67,907,900 hectares; planting of lucerne grass in collective farms—150,000 hectares; planting of pasture grass in collective farms—58,400 hectares; planting of perennial grass—1,799,500 hectares; annual grass—158,400 hectares.

The central task for all Soviet agriculture, under the plan, is therefore to concentrate on increasing yield from the area under cultivation.

What's On

Washington, D. C.

LENIN MEMORIAL Celebration, Sunday, Jan. 30, 8 P.M., Rusy's Casino, 624 11th St. N.W. "Three Songs About Lenin." Peter Cacchione, speaker.

Chicago, Ill.

HOMECOMING CABARET and dance with Lopez Belero Orchestra and excellent Floor Show. Sat., Feb. 26, at Midland Club, 172 W. Adams St. Ausp. Friends of Lincoln Brigade. Adm. 75c.

Boston

LENIN MEMORIAL Meeting!!! Pat Toohey, Eastern Penn. Party Organizer, will speak on "Lenin and American Democracy." Harry Canter on "My Years in the Soviet Union." Boston Symphony Hall, Mass. and Huntington Avenues. Auspices: Communist Party of Massachusetts. 2 P.M. January 30th.

Philadelphia, Pa.

MEET the gayest crowd in town! Cabaret nite. Floor Show. 1312 Walnut St. 7th Ward Br. Adm. 25c. Feb. 5.

GINSBURG Will Entertain at 4th Ward Frolic, Saturday nite, Jan. 29, 1312 Walnut St. Dance. Food. Fun. Adm. 35c.

FOLLOW THE CROWD to the American League's Studio Party at 123 S. 21st St., Sat., Jan. 29th—8:30 P.M. Logan Branch, American League for Peace and Democracy.

PARTY & DANCE!!! Sat., Jan. 29th, 8 P.M. at 2039 N. 8th St. Good eats and drinks. . . . Music by Radio Boys. Admission 15c. Ausp.: C.P. 20th Ward Branches.

DOROTHY BREWSTER, editor and critic, speaks on "Ivory Tower and Red Square." Sunday, Jan. 30th, 8:15 P.M. Musical Fund Hall, 808 Locust St. Subs. 25c.

THE PHILADELPHIA Music Center presents Elie Zeigmeister on "The American Composer and Society," assisted by Philadelphia Music Center Chorus, on Sunday, Jan. 30, 8:30 P.M. Adm. 25c.

FOLLOW THE CROWD to the American League's Logan Branch Studio Party at 123 S. 21st St. tonight, Jan. 29—8:30 P.M.

DAILY WORKER BENEFIT "Hard Time's Party." Sat., Jan. 29, 8 P.M. 116 W. Allegheny Ave. Subs. 25c. By Textile Workers.

BOYCOTT OF SOUTHERN SLAVERS' COTTON IN CIVIL WAR BY ENGLISH AND IRISH WORKERS LESSON TO U.S. WEAVERS

By Milton Howard

One of the problems growing out of the anti-Japanese boycott is the effect that will have on the jobs of the hosiery workers in this country.

It stands to reason that if silk is taboo in America, a problem arises for the workers in the silk stocking industry.

The problem of handling this situation, of minimizing the sacrifices which the anti-Japanese boycott may entail for the hosiery workers is not their problem alone. It is a problem in which they must have the help of the whole labor movement as well as the great number of supporters of democracy who are showing their hatred of war by joining in the boycott.

REASON FOR BOYCOTT

What is the anti-Japanese boycott about anyway? Is it some fad organized by people who have no stake in the welfare, jobs, and future of American labor as some charge?

Decidedly not. The anti-Japanese boycott has already received he approval of the organized labor movement, C.I.O. and A.F.L., in one form or other. The spread of the movement represents the intense desire of hundreds of thousands of Americans to show their stand for peace and democracy as against the ruthless war policies of the Japanese Government. A boycott on Japanese silk would be a blow struck against war and for peace.

The Japanese militarists depend very heavily on the American money they get by selling us their silk—90 per cent of Japan's business with the United States is in silk. The raw materials for the Japanese bombs falling on Chinese villages and on the Panay came from the United States.

IN FASCIST BLOC

Japan is part of the sinister Berlin-Rome-Tokio alliance—an out-and-out war alliance which menaces the peace of America and the existence of democracy everywhere. When Japan advances, Hitler and Mussolini rejoice. When Japan is hit, Hitler and Mussolini grieve. They know that the cause of fascism and war is bound up with the Japanese militarist advance.

Why does Japan send paid propagandists to America to fight against the boycott? Why does Hitler's press "prove" that the boycott should not be supported in the United States? Because they know that the anti-Japanese boycott is a blow against fascism and war.

Another thing. Why is it that some of labor's worst enemies, the open-shoppers and Liberty Leaguers, the fascist-minded groups, are all heated opponents of the anti-Japanese boycott? Why does Hearst grow alarmed when the anti-Japanese boycott is mentioned?

Because, these enemies of labor see in the anti-Japanese boycott a powerful movement against reaction and war, and they are against such a movement.

The anti-Japanese boycott, then, is an anti-war movement. It is an anti-fascist movement. It is a movement to protect trade unionism from the ravages of the war-makers and reactionaries. In supporting this movement, the hosiery workers are helping to defend their families against the horrors of another war, against the raids of American Storm Troopers. They are taking their place in the great army of democracy and peace.

It is understandable why the greedy silk manufacturers should howl against the anti-Japanese boycott. These manufacturers care for nothing but their own profits. For profits they have sacrificed thousands of hosiery workers and their families. For profits, they fire thousands of hosiery workers, slash wages, speed up the workers, and generally spread ruin among the people. For profits the six manufacturers are ready and willing to gamble with the peace of America, feeding the war fires of Japan, Hitler and Mussolini with American money, so long as they get their tremendous incomes.

CAN SEE BEYOND BAIT

But surely this is not a policy for the hosiery workers to follow. The hosiery workers of America know how to see beyond the bait dangled before their eyes to the big issues. They will cooperate with the whole labor movement to solve their special problem. And the labor movement will fight to see that the hosiery workers keep their jobs. If hosiery employers balk at making lisle stockings and fire workers, the labor movement will battle for relief and WPA jobs for them.

The boycott movement is not only a negative movement against silk. It is a positive movement for the manufacture of substitutes which will give new jobs to the hosiery workers. The problem of jobs for the hosiery workers is a responsibility of the labor movement and the whole boycott movement, and will be assumed in the best faith. But the hosiery workers cannot fall for the propaganda of the manufacturers who, in order to protect their selfish profits, are trying to appear as "friends" of the workers they have always exploited and robbed.

When the girls of the hosiery union parade with banners saying "Save Our Jobs," there is not a man or woman in the labor movement who is not heart and soul behind that demand. But the jobs can be best saved by working for substitutes, by joining with the boycott movement to demand Government aid, etc., and not by playing into the hands of the reactionaries and war-makers.

This problem came up in a remarkably similar form in the days when Abraham Lincoln was leading the nation in the fight against slavery and the plantation oligarchy.

PROBLEM IN ENGLAND

It will be easily recalled that the biggest customer of the Southern cotton planters was England. The raw cotton of the South went to the spindles and looms of Manchester and Liverpool where the English workers spun it into textiles. The outbreak of the Civil War at once left its mark on the English textile industry, especially when the Northern blockade began to take its effect in 1862.

What happened in the textile mills can easily be imagined. With cotton shut off, thousands of English workers lost their jobs. And yet no propaganda of the British pro-slave press, no arguments of the pro-slave British Cabinet could make the English textile workers agree to any action that would hurt the cause of the North, the cause of democracy and anti-slavery.

The pro-slavery in the Palmerston Cabinet cunningly tried to use the shutdowns of the textile mills to win the textile workers over to the plan of declaring war on the United States in order to help the Confederacy. And yet, even though their own families were paying a bitter price of suffering, the English textile workers won eternal honor for themselves, as well as direct political benefits through helping democracy's cause, by stubbornly refusing to permit their immediate, narrow, economic interest to blind them to the essential issue—slavery versus democracy.

BIG MEETINGS

The successes of the North made cotton scarcer and scarcer in England. But still the English workers refused to be drawn into the trap of the pro-slavers. By November, 1862, fully 31 per cent of the textile workers in the factory town of Blackburn, for example, were on relief; similar conditions prevailed in all the textile towns. And yet it was in these very towns, paying a heavy sacrifice, that the biggest meetings were held in opposition to the pro-slave elements in the British Cabinet!

A noble and glorious part was played by the Irish workers and Irish fighters for freedom during these days. In Lancashire, the textile workers were mainly Irish who had come over the border, and the cotton blockade hit them hard. Yet to a man they were against breaking the American blockade on Southern cotton which would have given them jobs. In Dublin, an enthusiastic mass meeting of 5,000 boldly cheered a trade union speaker who declared that should Britain declare war on the North, Ireland would fight on the side of the United States to help Lincoln defeat the slave-holders.

An Irish Catholic writer, Richard J. Purcell, in the Catholic World (p. 72, 122) pays deserved tribute to the Irish people who were able to sink their immediate, narrow interests in the larger issue of democracy, peace, and freedom. He writes: **"Support of the government and the British ruling class on the American issue of Intervention would have been industrially advantageous to Ireland . . but to a nation of idealists, the North appealed as a section of free men, free labor, and a purer democracy and as the section which gave refuge to the exile sons of the oppressed peoples of Europe."**

It was not only a sacrificing

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Brophy, Quill Chide False Friends of Labor, Demand Unity

Idle Critics of CIO Masked as Labor's Friends Called Enemies, Quill Stresses CIO Desire for Unity at TWU Installation Rally

"We can expect criticism from Tory industrialists, from the ignorant, the thoughtless and shortsighted, but we don't expect criticism from those who pretend to be friends of labor.

"When these do criticize, they show they have lost faith in the labor movement. They have been put to the test, and have been found wanting."

John Brophy, CIO director, made the above remarks at the installation ceremonies for officers of the Transport Workers Union of New York at a meeting in Manhattan Opera House Thursday night.

"This is what really is inside the CIO—a success unparalleled, a record without parallel throughout this country or any other.

"It means that those who indulge in idle criticism of the CIO in the name of labor are anything but friends. They are enemies."

TELLS OF CIO SUCCESSES

Brophy drew a picture of the CIO successes, the "strength and unity" prevading all CIO unions, "even when confronted with the depression," and declared that "effective unity" will be achieved in the labor movement when the "A. F. of L. executive council will listen to reason and accept the CIO proposal."

QUILL ASSAILS WOLL

Michael J. Quill, international president of the Transport Workers Union, reviewing the negotiations with the AFL committee, initiated by the CIO in an attempt to bring about unity in the labor movement, charged that the AFL "never made an offer which would permit organization of the unorganized along industrial lines."

He charged that Matthew Woll, one of the AFL committee, acted "like Otto, pretender to the Austrian throne. The AFL committee never had power to negotiate. For two days they couldn't make up their minds as to what their function was. They always refused to put in writing that they could negotiate. But they pretended that they could."

He said that the AFL proposal would split the Transport Workers Union into 22 different crafts, and that all CIO leaders felt that the same fate awaited their unions.

"Do you think we want to go back disunited?" Quill asked.

"If William Green wants to submit to the last semblance of democracy, let him give his AFL members a referendum on the CIO proposal to take all 4,000,000 members back into the AFL, and I am sure that more than 90 per cent of the AFL members will agree to the CIO proposal."

Quill warned that "certain leaders are making advances without consulting their membership. They better quit right now because the CIO will remain one united body. The top-heavy leaders will have to submit to reason and bring about real unity."

Allan Haywood, regional CIO director for the New York area, also announced that the formation of an industrial council for this area would proceed no matter who attempted to interfere.

"We're going to build our own house," Haywood said, after pointing out that the AFL ordered its central body to expel the CIO unions, "and we're going to cooperate with the AFL members."

Both Haywood and Newbold Morris, president of the City Council, pledged to aid the Transport Workers Union in its drive to gain collective bargaining rights for workers on the city-owned Independent Subway System.

U. S. Must Aid Jobless, Say Social Workers

Government Has First Relief Responsibility, 7 Editors Declare

(By Federated Press)

The Federal Government must continue to assume primary financial responsibility for the public relief program, according to an "affirmation of principle" signed by editors of seven leading social work periodicals and other prominent welfare leaders.

The statement made six points:

1) Primary responsibility must be federal and no adequate program can be implemented otherwise.

2) The pressing immediate need is for WPA extension to make jobs for 3,000,0000 wage earners.

3) Congress should pass a substantial WPA deficiency appropriation for the second half of the fiscal year 1938 without delay.

4) In addition, there is urgent necessity for substantial Federal grants to states for direct relief.

5) Such grants should be made for direct aid under conditions laid down by the Federal Government.

6) These steps must constitute the backbone of any relief program adequate to meeting today's needs.

Curtailment of WPA under pressure to cover only 1,500,000 wage earners, it was said, "must be regarded as a powerful contributory cause to the present decline in spending power and the present sharp increase in unemployment."

Signing the statement as individuals were the following editors: Grace Abbott, Social Service Review; Frank J. Bancroft, Social Work Today; M. W. Beckelman, Jewish Social Service Quarterly; Thomas H. Hoare, The Compass; Paul Kellogg, Survey Graphic; E. P. and P. V. Young, Social Work Technique and Margaret Rich, The Family. Walter West, executive secretary of the American Association of Social Workers and other leading social work spokesmen also signed.

ReportHitlerNotDecided On Rome Visit to Pope

ROME, Jan. 28 (UP).—A diplomatic source in close contact with the Vatican said today that Nazi Chancellor Adolf Hitler had not yet decided whether to see the Pope when he visits Rome in May but that Vatican circles believe Premier Benito Mussolini will persuade him to request an audience.

Mussolini was said to have purposely left a half-day in Hitler's Rome program blank, which will not be filled in until Hitler makes up his mind.

TODAY'S NEWS IN BRIEF

Bill to Tax Chain Stores Introduced

ALBANY, Jan. 28 (UP).—A bill taxing chain stores from $10 to $550 was introduced today by Assemblyman Benjamin Brenner, Kings Laborite.

The tax would be graduated so that the larger chains would pay the greatest amount of tax.

New Bridge to Span Niagara Falls

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., Jan. 28 (UP).—The International Railway Company announced today that a new bridge would be constructed to replace the historic falls view span which collapsed yesterday under the pressure of a 90-foot high ice jam.

The new structure will be built on the same site as the famous old "honeymoon" bridge occupied, the company said.

Bandits Escape With $25,000 in Pier Raid

Four bandits, in a daring waterfront raid, yesterday escaped with a $25,000 payroll of the United States Lines. The money was being taken from Pier 62 to Pier 61.

Dies While Telling of Heart Strain to Board

BOSTON, Jan. 28 (UP).—While telling the State Industrial Accident Board that a strain while working for a construction company caused his heart disease, Abraham Nidich, 50, of Cambridge was stricken with a heart attack today. He died 20 minutes later.

$20,000 Fire Sweeps Richville Section

RICHVILLE, N. Y., Jan. 28 (UP).—The Richville business district was virtually destroyed by fire today.

Only a hotel and two gasoline stations remained, as the fire swept the post office, fire house, masonic hall, a garage, a barber shop, and a grocery. Loss was estimated at $20,000.

LaGuardia Files 2 Coal Petitions

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28 (UP).—Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia of New York City today filed two petitions with the National Bituminous Coal Commission requesting that minimum prices fixed last Nov. 30 be suspended temporarily for New York.

Set Funeral of 93-Year-Old C. P. Member

Funeral services for Henry Merz, 93-year-old Communist Party member, who died last Wednesday, will be held tomorrow afternoon at 1:30 o'clock in the Big Hall of the Labor Temple, 243 E. 84th St., it is announced by George Loh, executive secretary of the Yorkville Party section.

Max Bedacht, member of the Central Committee, and other prominent progressives will pay tribute to the memory of Merz who was a militant fighter for the rights of workers all his life.

For more than 70 years, since his early youth spent in the German Socialist movement, "Papa Merz," as he was affectionately known, devoted his energies to the cause of progress. At the age of 72 years, "Papa Merz" joined the Communist Party.

Though his sight was nearly gone, "Papa Merz" spent his last days listening to the press reports from Spain, China, and the Soviet Union as his daughters and granddaughters took turns in reading to him.

Mrs. FDR Tells Youth Struggle for Peace



Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, main speaker at last night's youth meeting, is shown above as she spoke at a recent conference of the National Youth Administration in Albany.

Speech at Meeting of American Youth Congress at City College Seen as Attack on Declaration, Oxford Oath Policies, Active Peace Struggle Stressed

Speaking to a jammed representative assembly of youth in the great hall at City College last night meeting in a model legislative conference of the American Youth Congress, Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt called upon the youth of America to act immediately in the struggle for peace and inferred that only a policy of collective action will preserve the peace of the world.

"We, as a nation," she said, "are tied up with all the efforts that has been made to find a basis for peace. We are part of the Kellogg Pact. There is a great confusion in our thinking of peace. Our peace groups are not really agreed to what they want or what they believe."

Attacking the Oxford Oath by intimation, Mrs. Roosevelt drew resounding applause when she declared that "we live in a world where war still exists. Whether we like it or not it is not possible to draw a ring around ourselves and say we are self-sufficient. Wherever there is war on a large scale anywhere in the world, we shall feel it too in a material way, in a lower standard of living."

She was introduced to the delegates by William Hinkley, Chairman of the Youth Congress, whose attack on the filibuster in the Senate drew applause from the audience in which Mrs. Roosevelt joined in heartily.

The great hall, distinguished for its beautiful medieval gothic architecture, and colorful banners flying from the stately columns was an impressive background for the prominent speakers who drew sharp and fundamental pictures of the present position of youth in the world.

Every one of the speakers urged an active policy of struggle for progress and democracy by the youth of the nation. Included among the speakers at last night's meeting, the first in the three-day conference were Doris Sheafe, Chairman of the New York City Council of the American Youth Congress; Rev. William Lloyd Imes, of the St. James Presbyterian Church, a Negro congregation; Newbold Morris, Chairman of the City Council; Mr. David C. Adie, Commissioner of the New York State Department of Welfare, and Dr. Norton Gottschall, City College Dean.

Auto Union Plans Chrysler Conference

83 Delegates Expected at Parley Today on New Pact With Firm

(Daily Worker Michigan Bureau)

DETROIT, Jan. 28.—Eighty-three delegates are expected at the United Auto Workers Union Chrysler conference to be held tomorrow in this city.

The gathering will discuss proposals for a new contract. The present contract expires March 31. A fact-finding committee set up by the last Chrysler conference will report on changes and revisions proposed by rank and file workers in the plants.

Main change to be demanded, according to U.A.W. Vice-President Thomas in charge of the Chrysler division of the union, will be to enlarge the power of the union in grievance procedure. According to the present contract, "the union will not cause any sitdown, stay-in or other stoppage of work in any plant of the corporation during the life of this contract."

"We are not opposed to a ban on unauthorized strikes," said Thomas, "but we want some further procedure agreed on so we can arbitrate on matters in dispute. Under the present contract, if we go with a grievance to the management and they say 'no,' there is nothing further we can do about it."

The conference will also decide on the date when negotiations with the Chrysler Corp. will start.

Green May Defend Self At UMW Parley

MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 28.—William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor today revealed at a press interview that he was summoned to answer charges of betraying ihs own union, the United Mine Workers now holding its 35th annual convention at Washington.

Green said he may appear to defend himself before the convention's delegates.

At the same time Green launched a bitter attack against two other large A. F. of L. international unions that are openly discussing possible affiliation with the CIO—the International Typographical Union and the Brewery Workers Union.

The latter union has lost its fight before the Executive Council to maintain jurisdiction over teamsters of breweries in line with its industrial charter. That jurisdiction was given to the Brotherhood of Teamsters.

Green attacked Charles P. Howard, International president of the I.T.U. for the article due to appear in the forthcoming issue of the union's journal calling upon the 80,000 typographical workers to resist the continual encroachment of the Executive Council upon the rights of unions as voluntary affiliates of the A. F. of L.

He also attacked the U.M.W. financial report, which showed that $1,434,000 went as donations and loans to the organizing drives of the CIO and remarked sarcastically that "the loans will never be paid."

ERNST HUTTIG
Cremation and services, Saturday, Jan. 29th, 1 P.M., Fresh Pond Cemetery, Maspeth, L. I.

Bare Police Terror in Los Angeles Hearing

Police Chief Arrested on Charge of Planting Bomb That Critically Wounded Investigator —Lawyer Tells of Threats to Family

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 28.—A glimpse of what happens to critics of the Los Angeles Police Department was seen today as an interim committee of the State Assembly began its probe of alleged collusion among police, politicians and the underworld.

Even as the committee opened hearings, Capt. Earle Kynette, chief of the police intelligence squad, was arrested and placed under $15,000 bond, charged with planting a bomb that critically wounded Harry Raymond, a private investigator working for a citizens' reform committee.

Threats of death, imprisonment and faked obscene photographs were among the weapons employed by the police against citizens, John G. Packard, labor attorney, told the committee. He said he had represented John Langdon, a mining man, who once sued Chief of Police James E. Davis for damages.

THREAT TO FAMILY

The campaign of terror began just after Langdon filed suit, Packard said. Kynette made a blustery appearance before the Langdon family, threatened to murder their three-year-old child, threatened Mrs. Langdon with deportation to British Columbia, and even tried to have her committed to an insane asylum, Packard told the inquirers.

"Langdon told me that Kynette showed him various discs and played some of them, telling him they recorded intercepted telephone conversations, damaging to various prominent Los Angeles citizens, and also showed him photographs of erotic scenes," the lawyer continued.

"Kynette boasted that the photographs were used to slow down influential people if and when they became troublesome to police," Packard said.

RESCUED WIFE

Once, Packard had to rescue Mrs. Langdon after Kynette imprisoned her and taped her mouth so that she could make no outcry, he informed the legislators.

Meanwhile charges against crooked activities of the police continued to pour into the office of District Attorney Burton Fitts, who complained that his office was "systematically hampered" by police pressure as he sought to investigate the bombing.

The executive committee of the Firemen's and Policemen's Protective League accused Kynette of attempting to wreck their organization by a whispering campaign, threats and intimidations instituted by outside influences.

Small likelihood of police assistance in the probe was seen as the police commission fell in line behind Chief Davis in refusing to investigate Kynette's activities despite the fact that churches in Los Angeles, San Diego and Riverside are keenly interested in the vice investigation.

AFL Heads Seeking Dictatorial Powers, Howard Article Says

Charges AFL Heads Framed 'Greatest Power Ever Contemplated'

MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 28.—Charles P. Howard, president of the International Typographical Union today made public the advance text of an article in the forthcoming issue of the "Typographical Journal," official paper of the union, charging that the Executive Council of the A. F. of L. has framed "the greatest asumption of power ever contemplated by any 'one big union' movement."

Howard is here attending the meeting of the Union Label Trades Department held in conjunction with the Ecutive Council sessions of the A. F. of L.

Howard had earlier announced that he would recommend a referendum vote of the 80,000 I.T.U. members soon, on the proposal of joining the C.I.O. Much of the February issue of the union's journal will deal with the increased steps by the A. F. of L. executive council in "attempting complete dictatorship."

In the forthcoming issue of the journal, Howard will charge that the special penny per member tax for a war chest against the CIO is extra-legalans that the A. F. of L. lawyers are wrongly interpreting the constitution of the A. F. of L. in a manner that destroys the Federation's original form of a "voluntary association of trades unions."

Senate to Probe Milton

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28 (UP).—The Senate Privileges and Elections Committee today authorized Chairman Walter F. George, D., Ga., to appoint a subcommittee of three to inquire into protests against the seating of Sen. John Milton, D., N. J.

Bronx Tenants Strike Against High Rent Boosts

Protesting rent increases of $3 to $7, 18 families were on strike yesterday against the landlords of a tenement house at 3750 Third Ave., situated in one of the worst slum areas of the Bronx.

Eleven disposess notices have been issued since the increases were announced last November and hearings on the notices are scheduled for this Monday in the Bronx Municipal Court at Washington Ave. and E. 162nd St.

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Labor League Urges Passage of Schwellenbach-Allen Bill

BROPHY RAPS VISA REFUSAL TO CIO LEADER

Head of Woodworkers' Union Barred Entry By State Dep't

(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 28.—CIO Director, John Brophy, today charged that the State Department's refusal to grant an entry visa to Harold J. Pritchett, English-born President of the CIO affiliated International Woodworkers of America, was based on "secret evidence, which the Department refuses to disclose, procured by special proceedings to which neither Pritchett nor his attorneys were admitted."

The letter points out that Pritchett applied for a permanent entry visa in 1937, with the intention of becoming an American citizen.

The letter adds that the State Department was unsuccessful in these attempts, but that it still seeks to deny admission to Pritchett. The evidence on which this denial is based, according to the letter, had not been revealed either to Pritchett or his attorneys.

AIM TO DISRUPT UNION

A further charge is made in the CIO letter that the action of the State Department "can have only one result, to prevent Pritchett from continuing as the leader of the International Woodworkers of America and thus disrupt the union. Such a result must accord with the wishes of the employers, politicians and certain corrupt union officials who are carrying on a vicious attack against the International Woodworkers of America."

The letter concludes by urging immediate action from all CIO affiliates in protest to the State Department, and asks that messages of protest be sent to Secretary Hull, to Secretary Perkins and to Senators and Congressmen.

Big Business Opens Attack On Labor Board

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on the National Labor Relations Act and the Labor Board.

It charges that provisions in the Act are "vaguely and ambiguously defined," declares that the Act "led to the outbreak of a number of labor controversies," and accuses the board of being unfair to employers.

Defending the Board, Neely of the sub-committee read a statement into the record by newly-appointed Supreme Court Justice Stanley Reed warning against credence to many of the charges against the board.

In his Jackson day speech, Reed had called on the public to be "slow to give credence to any charges of unfairness or bias against the board."

By inserting this statement Neely was believed to have made a pointed if indirect answer to Burke's charges.

POINTS TO RECORD

Two other Senators who defended the board were George W. Norris of Nebraska and Carl A. Hatch of New Mexico.

Hatch inserted into the record a statement compiled by the board showing the number of strikes it has averted and settled. He also read from columns by David Lawrence, conservative newspaper commentator, lauding the board, and from an editorial in the Richmond Times-Dispatch clearing the board of interfering with freedom of the press.

Sharply disputing Burke's assertion that strikes have increased as a result of the board's activities, Norris pointed out that his figures covered a period during which the board had been persistently hampered by court injunction and by a wide belief among corporation lawyers that the Wagner Labor Act was unconstitutional.

MADDEN TO ANSWER

Indications of protest against the Burke charges were considered significant in view of the fact that the board is yet to put in its case.

J. Warren Madden, chairman of the board, will answer the charges before the Senate sub-committee next Thursday morning.

A number of progressive leaders favorable to the board are also expected to appear on its behalf in opposition to an investigation next week. These include Eli L. Oliver, executive vice president of Labor's Non-Partisan League; John P. Davis, secretary of the National Negro Congress; and Ralph Emerson, legislative representative of the CIO maritime unions.

Labor organizations here are watching the Senate hearing carefully fearing that it marks the beginning of a national campaign to hamper the work of the Labor Board and amend the Wagner Act with restrictive anti-labor amendments provisions.

John Brophy, CIO director, wrote to all his affiliated groups last week urging vigorous protests against efforts by big business interests to have the terms of the Wagner Act changed.

It is considered noteworthy that in his prepared statement Burke charged the Labor Board with having been unfair to the three large corporations which have followed the most ruthless, anti-labor policies.

In a list of firms which he said had been treated unjustly by the board he named Republic Steel, Weirton Steel, and the Ford Motor Company.

DEMAND TRUSTS CUT MILK PRICE



—Daily Worker Staff Photo

The Bronx County of the Communist Party yesterday presented petitions signed by 25,000 consumers demanding a reduction in the price of milk. Petitions, which were signed on three forms, will also be presented to Gov. Lehman and Mayor LaGuardia, urging a municipal yardstick milk plant. Shown above are (left to right): Harry Lichtenstein, Bronx County circulation manager, Alice Udren, Civic Worker, Isador Begun, member of N. Y. District of C. P., Mollie Picheny, Director of Women's Work, Philip David, executive secretary of Bronx County, presenting 2,500 petitions collected in Bronx County.

EXPOSE ANTI-BOYCOTT HEAD AS JAPANESE PROPAGANDIST

The International Silk Guild, whose President Paolini Gerli is one of the sponsors of the "anti-boycott" movement has been charged with being a propaganda agency for the Japanese government, it was revealed yesterday.

The New York Times of Nov. 13, in its financial section, carried a story to the effect that on July 29, the Rayon and Synthetic Yarn Producers Committee, filed a petition with the Federal Trades Commission accusing the Guild of being in the pay of Japan.

The charges in the petition were revealed by Erwin Feldman, counsel for the National Association of House Dress Manufacturers, speaking Nov. 12, at a joint meeting of retailers and garment manufacturers at Hotel Pennsylvania to discuss the new rayon rules promulgated by the FTC.

MONEY FOR PROPAGANDA

Feldman said that the Guild had received $725,000 from Japan for propaganda purposes. He further charged that the Japanese government had paid speakers to appear before women's club to spread Japanese propaganda.

Besides Gerli, others sponsoring the anti-boycott movement are Emil Rieve, president of the American Federation of Hosiery Workers, Sal B. Hoffman, president of the AFL Upholsterers' Union, and William H. Gosch, president of the National Association of Hosiery Manufacturers.

In a long distance phone call with Mr. Rieve, the Daily Worker yesterday, asked the CIO official if he were informed of the charges against Gerli. Mr. Rieve was also informed that the publicity director for the "anti-boycott" movement, Chester M. Wright, had been charged with being at one time personal representative of Machado, Cuban dictator.

Rieve answered that if at any time the charges against Gerli and Wright were proved, he would be glad to disassociate himself from the two, but said that he was determined to go ahead and fight the boycott instituted against Japan in answer to her invasion of China.

Rieve denied that Carl Byoir, Hitler representative in the United States, was in any way connected with the "anti-boycott" movement.

Mine Union Reaffirms Backing of Roosevelt

Convention Votes Approval of Schwellenbach-Allen Resolution on WPA Jobs—Kennedy Blasts Hitler in Report of Czech Congrses

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gress as a member of the International Executive Committee.

The graying scholarly - looking secretary-treasurer of the U.M.W., who is being boomed for Governor of Pennsylvania, told of the destruction of the German Miners' Federation "as a result of the work of the dictator of that country, Hitler, and of the murder in a concentration camp of the leader of the Miners' Union, Huseman." Despite the persecution, he asserted, the union is continuing to function illegally, resisting the attacks of the Nazi government on the living standards of the miners.

Kennedy charged that the increase in German coal production was due entirely to its huge armaments program. "The average person," he said, "can have some idea as to whether fascism under Hitler leads to peace or war. There is no doubt that it is heading for war, a well-planned war."

POINTS TO FRANCE

Kennedy singled out France as the country where the miners had won higher wages, shorter hours and vacations as a result of the cooperation of the People's Front government.

The most spirited discussion took place on the issues of WPA and the National Guard. The WPA resolution, besides urging passage of the Schwellenbach-Allen resolution and the appropriation of one billion dollars for the present fiscal year and two billion for the next, called on the delegates to visit their Senators and Representatives before leaving Washington and impress on them the need for voting for this program.

Delegate after delegate took the floor and told of the sabotage and political favoritism shown by local WPA officials which was resulting in the denial of relief to many needy families.

GUARD ASSAILED

The discussion on the strike-breaking role of the National Guard was touched off by Ray Edmondson, president of District 12 (Illinois) and secretary of the Committee on the Officers' Report, and John Owens, president of District 6 (Ohio) who was in charge of the strike in Little Steel in Ohio. They told of the murderous terror unloosed by the Chicago police and by Governor Davey's National Guard against the strikers. Owens was particularly biting in his condemnation of Davey, and he predicted that "the citizens of Ohio will take care of him if his name ever appears on the ballot again."

In a stirring speech, Van A. Bittner, president of District 12 (West Virginia) and CIO regional director in Chicago, branded the Chicago Memorial Day massacre at the Republic Steel plant, in which ten workers were killed and more than ninety wounded, "one of the most brutal things that has ever happened in this or any country." He denounced President William Green of the American Federation of Labor for having declared that the men were killed as a result of violence by the CIO.

Rank and file delegates supplemented these speeches out of their own experiences. A pervading note throughout the discussion on this question and on WPA was the need for political action through Labor's Non-Partisan League in order to oust reactionary officials and place genuine representatives of the people in office.

The convention was addressed today by Congressmen James H Gildea of Pennsylvania and Kent E. Keller of Illinois. Gildea praised the offer made by John L. Lewis Wednesday to bring the four million members of the CIO into the A. F. of L. February 1 if the A. F. of L. would issue charters to every CIO unit. He urged support of the proposal of Governor Earle of Pennsylvania for the nationalization of the coal industry and endorsed the movement to draft Roosevelt for a third term.

UPHOLDS RIGHT TO JOB

Congressman Keller upheld "the right to a job of every man who wants to work," and advocated a large-scale Federal spending program to restore recovery. He also appealed for farmers and workers to stand together in defense of their rights.

In the morning session a young miner, John Geritsky, of Local 1157, District One (Pennsylvania anthracite), presented Lewis with a drawing he had made of him. In accepting the gift the U.M.W. president paid tribute to the "great reservoirs" of talent and genius for almost any profession or task in life that exists among the miners.

The convention recessed today until Monday morning when additional resolutions will be acted on. Pat Fagan, president of District Five (Pittsburgh) is chairman, and John Owens is secretary of the Resolutions Committee. Among the questions expected to be dealt with in the resolutions is political action. No less than 33 resolutions on this subject have been introduced by local unions. Some of these urge support of a labor or Farmer-Labor Party, others the building of Labor's Non-Partisan League, while a number unite these two ideas.

Eleanor Powell Joins in Boycott Of Silk Hosiery

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 28.—Miss Eleanor Powell, pretty and talented dancer of the screen, joined with members of the League of Women Shoppers here tonight in the boycott movement against Japanese silk by appearing in a fashion show, entitled "Life Without Silk," at a hotel ballroom, with her shapely legs sheathed in cotton stockings.

Members of the Hosiery Workers Union joined in a counter-parade down Constitution Ave., claiming the boycott endangered their jobs.

Independents Vote Gasless Holiday in City

A "gasless holiday" for the entire City of New York will be declared Feb. 15 by the Petroleum Dealers' Chamber of Commerce, Inc., unless the city and state pledge support or pass a fair trade act to end gasoline wars.

The organized independent dealers made that decision Thursday night at a meeting attended by 500 at the Hotel St. George. The licensing act is aimed not only to end price wars, but halt the monopoly of the major oil companies seeking to drive the little fellow out of business, according to the organization.

All independent stations, totalling 2,320, will close and picket lines will be established before all major oil company stations, according to Charles J. Bensky, the organization's counsel. The dealers will then march to City Hall

Isaacs Presents Flood-Control Plans to WPA

"Flood control" plans for Manhattan—to eliminate flooding of old sewers during thunderstorms and snow removal periods—were presented yesterday to the Works Progress Administration by Borough President Stanley M. Isaacs.

The plans, drawn by Commissioner of Borough Works Walter D. Binger at the direction of Mr. Isaacs, call for the reconstruction of the old and inadequate sewers in Manhattan along completely modern lines by WPA workmen.

Negro Lad Banned From Exhibit of Own Painting

(Special to the Daily Worker)

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Jan. 28.—A disconsolate Negro youngster, cheered but a few days ago by acceptance of his landscape painting by the Public Library for an exhibit here, was buoyed up again today.

He learned that a group of prominent white artists of this Southern city had enlisted in the fight to win permission for the 15-year-old Negro lad to visit the exhibit of his own work in the library, up to now taboo for Negro visitors.

The talented boy, Augustus Williams, submitted his painting to the Birmingham Public Library for its exhibit by child artists, part of an international show now being held throughout the country.

Officials of the show recognized an unusual talent in the boy's work and Augustus got a note telling him his work had been put on display. He beamed as he showed the letter to his family.

Naturally, Augustus wished to see his painting on exhibit and went to the Library together with a white friend.

But officials refused to let him enter. The century-old Jim Crow laws still held even though the Negro lad had his painting on display. Augustus was downcast.

Today, however, news that several white artists have joined in the battle against the Jim Crow rule brought smiles back to Augustus' face.

Large Housing Sums to Build 1-Unit Homes

Large Share of Money to Go Into Building of One-Family Homes

Part of the millions of dollars which Mayor LaGuardia proposed the City shall spend in a mamouth slum clearance and low-cost housing program will be allotted, according to the plan, to construction of large clusters of one-family homes, B. Charney Vladeck, Laborite and Majority Leader of the City Council, announced yesterday.

Vladeck, who worked with the Mayor in drafting the plan, said the main emphasis of the housing program would be placed on the building of large, fireproof, sanitary apartment dwellings, but explained there would be room in the plan for the creation of new communities of low-rent single-family houses.

Pointing out that it was impossible for the Mayor in his housing message to the Board of Estimate on Thursday to cover all the possibilities of his program, Vladeck said one interesting aspect of the plan is a proposed small house construction project.

CAN BUILD ON CHEAP LAND

"First, under this program it will be possible to build one family houses in sections where land is inexpensive," Vladeck said. "Enthusiasts of housing have always dreamed of building homes for larger families with growing children in 'homey' surroundings —a little yard, a little vegetable garden, space for recreation and play.

"There is no reason why, out of the millions which the City will obtain under the Mayor's plan, such one-family communities couldn't be built."

Vladeck observed that the cost of such construction would not be higher than the cost of apartment dwellings in slum areas.

He then compared the Mayor's plan with the English housing program, put into effect after the war.

"The rentals in England in these housing projects are about one-third of what they are going to be here," Vladeck said. "This is explained by the difference of earning capacity of the American and English workmen. The average rental in England is about 10 shillings a week, which is very little over $10 a month for three and four room units."

He explained that even at $6 a room, the rental for four rooms would be over $20, but showed that in England the cost of construction was much higher in comparison to rental charges. He cited figures to show that the cost of construction plus the cost of land in England is about $750 a room in comparison to $1,200 here.

"With all that the operating deficits of all English housing is being covered by three pence on each pound of tax revenue, which amounts to about 1¼ per cent of all realty taxes," Vladeck added. It is obvious that on a large scale program as the one contemplated by the Mayor, we would be able in this country to do much better, both in the mode of financing and the quality of accommodations."

Chinese Vise Traps Foe at Yengchow

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bombing and strafing Japanese planes just preparing to take off.

CHINESE HAMMER GATES OF TSINING

SHANGHAI, Saturday, Jan. 29 (UP).—Reinforced Chinese troops, smashing against extended Japanese lines in North China in a new offensive, reported today that they had reached the South gates of Tsining.

Chinese guerrillas in Shanghai marked the sixth anniversary of the first Shanghai war by hurling bombs at the Japanese Consulate General, the Japanese censors' office and the pro-Japanese "great way" municipal government's police office. One person was injured and damage was slight.

J. M. Leeming, Canadian-born member of the Shanghai municipal police, was beaten by police members of the pro-Japanese "Chinese puppet" government of Shanghai when he tried to make an arrest.

BATTLE IN NORTH

Huge armies were reported closing in on each other on the extended North China front, where bloody fighting has been raging for weeks North and South of Hsuchow, at the intersection of the Tientsin-Pukow and Lunghai Railways.

Chinese troops, ordered by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek to regain the territory lost by the defection of the late Han Fu-chu, who was executed in Hankow this week, struck back at the Japanese and began an encircling movement around Tsining.

SEE UPRISING

Chinese reports said gunfire was audible inside the city, indicating a possible uprising by Chinese plainclothes soldiers who remained in the city after its fall several weeks ago.

South of Nanking at Wuhu, near where the U. S. gunboat Panay was bombed and sunk, a large force of Chinese troops pressed forward in an attempt to isolate 30,000 Japanese.

At Hankow, China's provisional capital, the official Kuomintang Party organ announced: "Six years ago our answer to the invaders was patience and compromise. Today it is 'fight the enemy to the death.'"

Roosevelt Asks Billion for Navy

President Cites Huge Armaments By Other Nations and Points to Present Wars in China, Spain in Message to Congress

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of these floating fortresses under construction for the American navy to six.

Simultaneous with presentation of the President's special message, Rep. Carl Vinson, D., Ga., chairman of the house Naval Affairs Committee, introduced a bill to give Congressional authorization to the long-time naval building program. His bill provides a flat 20 per cent increase in the combat strength of the navy.

ASK THREE BIG SHIPS

It authorizes construction of three new battleships. However, the President called for immediate start of construction on only two of the three dreadnaughts which Vinson would authorize.

The Vinson Bill is merely an authorization bill, without accompanying appropriations, while the President's message asks for immediate appropriation to start two additional capital ships. The third could be laid down any subsequent year when appropriations for start of construction are authorized by Congress.

Officials explained that the Vinson Bill was designed to outline a long-range program, while the President's message calls for immediate construction in those categories which naval and military strategists consider most urgent to plug weaknesses in national defense.

TEXT OF SPEECH

The text of President Roosevelt's message follows:

To the Congress of the United States:

The Congress knows that for many years this government has sought in many capitals with the leaders of many governments to find a way to limit and reduce armaments and to establish at least the probability of world peace.

The Congress is aware also that while these efforts, supported by the hopes of the American people, continue and will continue they have nevertheless failed up to the present time.

We, as a peaceful nation, cannot and will not abandon active search for an agreement among the nations to limit armaments and end aggression. But it is clear that until such agreement is reached—and I have not given up hope of it—we are compelled to think of our own national safety.

POINTS TO ARMS INCREASE

It is with the deepest regret that I report to you that armaments increase today at an unprecedented and alarming rate. It is an ominous fact that at least one-fourth of the world's population is involved in merciless devastating conflict in spite of the fact that most people in most countries, including those where conflict rages, wish to live at peace. Armies are fighting in the Far East and in Europe; thousands of civilians are being driven from their homes and bombed from the air. Tension throughout the world is high.

As commander-in-chief of the army and navy of the United States it is my constitutional duty to report to the Congress that our national defense is, in the light of the increasing armaments of other nations, inadequate for purposes of national security and requires increase for that reason.

LOW PROPORTION

In spite of the well-known fact that the American standard of living makes our ships, our guns and our planes cost more for construction than in any other nation and that the maintenance of them and of our army and navy personnel is more expensive than in any other nation. It is also true that the proportion of the cost of our military and naval forces to the total income of our citizens or to the total cost of our government is far lower than in the case of any other great nation.

Specifically and solely because of the piling up of additional land and sea armaments in other countries, in such manner as to involve a threat to world peace and security, I make the following recommendations to the Congress:

1—That there be authorized for the army of the United States additions to anti-aircraft material in the sum of $8,800,000 and that of this sum $6,800,000 be appropriated for the fiscal year 1939.

ARMY RESERVE

2—That there be authorized and appropriated for the better establishment of an enlisted reserve for the army the sum of $450,000.

3—That there be authorized the expenditure of $6,080,000 for the manufacture of guages, dies and other aids to manufacture of army material, the sum of $5,000,000 thereof to be expended during the fiscal year of 1939.

4—That $2,000,000 be authorized and appropriated toward the making up of deficiences in ammunition for the army.

5—That the existing authorized building program from increases and replacements in the navy be increased by 20 per cent.

TWO NEW BIG SHIPS

6—That this Congress authorize and appropriate for the laying down of two additional battleships and two additional cruisers during the calendar year 1938. This will call for the expenditure of a very small amount of government funds during the fiscal year 1939.

7—That the Congress authorize and appropriate a sum not to exceed $15,000,000 for the construction of a number of new types of small vessels, such construction to be regarded as experimental in the light of new developments among navies; and to include the preparation of plans for other types of ships in the event that it may be necessary to construct such ships in the future.

I believe also that the time has come for the Congress to enact legislation aimed at the prevention of profiteering in time of war and the equalization of the burdens of possible war. Such legislation has been the subject for many years of full study in this and previous Congresses.

HITS PACT VIOLATION

It is necessary for all of us to realize that the unfortunate world conditions of today have resulted too often in the discarding of those principles and treaties which underlie international law and order; and in the entrance of many new factors into the actual conduct of war.

Adequate defense means that for the protection not only of our coasts but also of our communities far removed from the coast, we must keep any potential enemy many hundreds of miles away from our continental limits.

We cannot assume that our defense would be limited to one ocean and one coast and that the other ocean and the other coast would with certainty be safe. We cannot be certain that the connecting link—the Panama Canal—would be safe. Adequate defense affects therefore the simultaneous defense of every part of the United States of America.

It is our clear duty to further every effort toward peace, but at the same time to protect our nation. That is the purpose of these recommendations. Such protection is and will be based not on aggression but on defense.

Loyalist Attack Threatens to Isolate Franco

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between Singra and Torre la Carcel, about 30 miles north of Teruel, with terrific force.

Fighting raged all along the highway to Calamocha, with the initiative once again in the hands of the People's Army of the Spanish Republic, Franco's terrific counter-offensive with the huge quantities of men and materials concentrated for a major drive against Guadalajara has been thrown against Loyalist defense lines outside Teruel in vain.

As the zero hour for the Loyalist attack struck, waves of Government troops swept down from the Sierra Palomera along a five mile front of the highway between the two villages.

A powerful mechanized force of 30 tanks, 600 field guns and 120 airplanes assisted the infantry, shelling, strafing and bombing the enemy positions.

One of the several Loyalist thrusts cut off a group of several thousand fascist troops in the Celadas sector, eight miles north of Teruel.

Another important Loyalist thrust apparently designed further to menace fascist communications between their Saragossa base and Teruel struck at the town of Villanueva del Huerva, 25 miles southwest of Saragossa.

The drive threatened to cut Franco's second most important road between Saragossa and the Teruel sector.

BARCELONA, Saturday, Jan. 29 (UP).—Minister of National Defense Indalecio Prieto announced early today that the Loyalist Government would refrain from bombing civilian concentrations if the fascists would do likewise.

Borah Confers With FDR

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28 (UP).—Sen. William E. Borah, R., Ida., conferred with President Roosevelt at a White House luncheon today and indicated that they canvassed anti-trust policies.

OLIVER CITES FDR PROMISE IN WPA DEMAND

Calls for Defeat of Woodrum Clause in WPA Aid Measure

(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 28.—Eli L. Oliver, Executive Vice-President of Labor's Non-Partisan League urged immediate passage of the Schwellenbach-Allen resolution.

Oliver assailed the Woodrum amendment which limited funds for WPA to the appropriations for the fiscal year 1938 and cut off the possibility of a deficiency grant.

The Schwellenbach-Allen resolution makes it the policy of WPA to provide work for all unemployed, and includes a provision for repeal of the Woodrum amendment.

WORST MISERY SINCE '32

"Unemployment and misery such as the United States has not experienced since the dark days of 1931-32 and early 1933 is confronting Congress today with an acute emergency," Oliver said.

"Congress could not have foreseen the sharp decline in employment that was to take place in these last six months. But now Congress can no longer shut its eyes to what has happened. The need for work-relief must be met.

"President Roosevelt and the Democratic Party have repeatedly stated that 'No one shall starve in America.' This statement is endorsed by every leader and by every right-thinking member of both major parties.

"And yet it is only too true that hunger and misery due to widespread unemployment do exist over wide areas in this country and, furthermore, that the Federal Works Relief Program is wholly inadequate to meet this pressing need.

"The two conditions that are responsible for this desperate plight of the unemployed are an inadequate WPA program and a failure of local authorities to respond with direct relief.

"Jobs for the new unemployed are not only required to make good on the pledge that 'No one shall starve' but are obviously 'good business' to get the United States back on the road to recovery.

LEAGUE URGES BILL PASSAGE

"Labor's Non-Partisan League is, therefore, urging Congress to enact at once the Schwellenbach-Allen resolution, repealing the Woodrum red tape amendment to the current WPA appropriation act, and to summon WPA and labor representatives for information and then vote a deficiency appropriation for its work relief program.

"We feel that this is a subject of the most pressing importance and that unless this emergency is met now Congress will have failed in its pledges and its obligations. We respectfully urge that every member of Congress use his utmost efforts on behalf of this program."

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Planter Who Chained, Forced Negroes Into Peonage, Sentenced

White Cotton Planter Gets 3-Year Prison Sentence, $1,000 Fine for Keeping Negro Pair in Chains, Beating Them as Slaves for Work on Plantation

CLARKSDALE, Miss., Jan. 28 (UP).—Joseph S. Decker, 29-year-old cotton planter, was under sentence today of three years' imprisonment and $1,000 fine for peonage. He was accused of having chained and beaten two Negroes.

A jury which deliberated only 20 minutes found the white plantation owner guilty in Federal District Court yesterday after a two-day trial.

Decker was accused of having chained James Wiggins, Negro share cropper, and Wiggins' common-law wife, Ethel Lee Davis. A sheriff testified that he found the Negroes chained to a bed in a cabin on Decker's plantation.

The planter admitted having placed chains around the necks of the Negroes when he took them to interview several other white men, but denied having forced them to work out a $175 debt.

AFL Protests Probe of Labor Board

Senate Committee Gets Letter from Counsel for AFL Unions

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—Continuing its hearings today on the resolution of Senator Edward R. Burke of Nebraska, calling for investigation of the National Labor Relations Board, the Senate Judiciary Committee today received a letter from Charlton Ogburn, counsel for the American Federation of Labor, protesting an investigation of the board.

The A. F. of L. has vigorously criticized the board, but President William Green yesterday announced that it did not favor an inquiry.

"May I say to the honorable committee that a Senatorial or Congressional investigation of the board is unnecessary and uncalled for," Ogburn wrote. "Much of the board's valuable time would be taken up and it already is behind in its work."

Ogburn said the board was being "fairly conducted" and that an inquiry would be an expensive procedure.

Burke testified for several hours before the committee today, charging the NLRB interfered with "freedom of the press," reviving charges of several months ago that subpoena by the board of a newspaper editor constitutes such violation.

Union Assails Tory Filibuster As 'Shameless'

Radio Union in Letter to Garner, Senators Demands End of 'Insult'

"Stop the handful of Senators who are obstructing the will of the people and acting in defiance of every democratic procedure," was the plea yesterday of District 4, United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers in condemnation of the filibuster against the Wagner-Van Nuys Federal anti-lynching bill.

Charles Rivers, representative of District 4, which has a membership of 15,000 workers, made the above request of Vice-President John Nance Garner, after declaring that his union "emphatically protests the shameless spectacle of Senators filibustering against an anti-lynching bill."

The CIO union also sent congratulations to Senators Wagner and Van Nuys for their co-authorship of the bill, announcing that "labor and every progressive man and woman in the nation is behind you."

"The very thought that an anti-lynching bill is necessary in the year of our Lord, 1938, is enough to arouse the indignation of every civilized human being."

In a letter to Senators McNary, Pepper and Russell, the union demanded how long these three, participating in the filibuster, "will you continue to insult the American people?"

CITE AMENDMENTS

"Have the 13th, 14th and 15th amendments been replaced?" Rivers asked the three filibusters, "and if so, when? How long will you continue to insult the American people?"

"What is even more revolting is that you, supposedly 'civilized' and 'cultured' human beings, have the temerity of heaping abuse and slander on the jim-crowed, harassed and lynch-persecuted Negro people.

"I demand," Rivers said, "that you stop your filibustering and enable the passage of the Wagner-Van Nuys anti-lynching bill.

STRIKE CLOSES JERSEY PLANT



Ignoring Mayor Frank (I Am the Law) Hague's dire threats against the C.I.O., 500 members of the Steel Workers Organizing Committee walked out of Crucible Steel's plant, demanding that contract provisions covering seniority and working conditions be lived up to.

Alliance Asks Joint Open Relief Hearing as Reply To Grand Jury Attacks

Asks A.L.P. and B'klyn Labor Committee to Aid in Hearings on Relief Standards in Borough to Check Chamber of Commerce Investigations

In a letter to the American Labor Party, and the Brooklyn Labor Committee, the Workers Alliance requested that a joint open hearing be conducted on relief standards in Kings County and the part that the Alliance plays in the struggles of the unemployed, Jerome Benton, chairman of the Unemployed Division of the Workers Alliance announced last night.

The appeal for such an open hearing came as a result of the attack against the Alliance made in a presentment issued by the Kings County Grand Jury claiming that the organization is fostering "un-American doctrines."

The Brooklyn Labor Committee consists of unions, liberal, church and civic organizations. A hearing under the auspices requested by the Alliance was seen as an open public check on the secret investigations that the Kings County Grand Jury, has been conducting under the inspiration of the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce.

PROTESTS MOUNT

Meanwhile more organizations yesterday declared support for the Workers Alliance in protest against the Kings County Grand Jury's presentment.

In a statement issued by Florina Lasker, chairman and Osmond K. Fraenkel, council, the New York City Civil Liberties Committee declared:

"It is difficult to imagine a more un-American proposal than that of the November Kings County Grand Jury which asked that organizations of the unemployed supported by the dues of their members should be denied the right to represent them in relief cases. A true democracy does not make second-class citizens of its unemployed and deprive them of the right to petition their grievances in lawful fashion by representatives of their own choosing. Labor unions and other organizations of like character cannot function without the collection of dues to defray their expenses. To outlaw unions whose members pay dues is to outlaw unions. It is this which most clearly indicates the 'red-hunt' aspect of the presentment of the Grand Jury."

Alexander Hoffman, general manager of Local 239, Amalgamated Clothing Workers has sent the following letter to Governor Lehman:

"The 5,000 members of our union have directed me to express their vigorous protest against the demand of the Kings County Grand Jury to strangle the organization of the unemployed.

"We interpret their decision as a direct help to the reactionary forces of New York City and New York State.

Pointing out that the Kings County Grand Jury actually recommends that the Workers Alliance be barred from placing complaints before relief bureaus, the Legal Staff of the International Labor Defense, consisting of 350 progressive lawyers of New York declared:

"The excellent work done by this organization on behalf of relief clients and those in need of relief who have been the victims of the recent wave of dismissals by employers, has been recognized not only by its own members but by relief administration officials at 902 Broadway. Any attempt to limit or restrain this splendid organization is a direct attack on the fundamental and inalienable rights of labor to petition the government in a peaceful and organized manner."

Scottsboro Rally Hits Filibuster, Asks Bill Passage

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Jan. 28.—The Southern tory three-week filibuster against the Wagner-Van Nuys Anti-Lynching bill was strongly denounced last night by more than 4,000 persons assembled in the St. John's A.M.E. Church here to welcome the two freed Scottsboro boys.

Resolutions, forwarded to Washington, condemned the 18 filibustering U.S. Senators as "undemocratically obstructing progress and conspiring to keep white and Negro workers divided by establishing differentials, thus lowering the living standard of both white and Negro people alike."

Principal speakers at the rally were Rev. Asmus of the Methodist Church and Richard B. Moore.

Labor League Asks Wage-Hour Bill Action

Oliver Warns House Labor Committee That Delay Will Affect Passage of Bill, Asks Original Child Labor Proposal Be Incorporated in Bill

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28. — The House Labor Committee has been urged by Labor's Non-Partisan League to expedite its report on the Black-Connery wages and hours bill.

In a letter, made public by E. L. Oliver, executive vice-president of the League, the Committee was informed that labor interests throughout the nation are keenly interested in immediate enactment of the measure. Recommittal of the bill has only intensified the demand among American workers for its passage, he wrote.

Delay of early action may seriously affect passage of the bill at this session of Congress, Oliver warned. He requested that the Committee incorporate in its report all provisions of the measure as passed in the Senate with exception of the child labor sections, substituting instead the original child labor proposals.

Members of the House Labor Committee, to whom all are urged to write demanding an immediate report on the bill, are Mary T. Norton, New Jersey; Robert Ramspeck, Georgia; Glenn Griswold, Indiana; Kent E. Keller, Illinois; Matthew A. Dunn, Pennsylvania; Reuben T. Wood, Missouri; Jennings Randolph, W. Virginia; John Lesinski, Michigan; James H. Gildea, Pennsylvania; Edward W. Curley, New York; Albert Thomas, Texas; Joseph A. Dixon, Ohio; William J. Fitzgerald Connecticutt.

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Answering Stolberg Lies in Scripps-Howard Chain

The Communist Policy in the Trade Unions

(Continued from page 1)

By Alan Max

that's what made the Scripps-Howard papers hand over cash for them. For the Scripps-Howard papers have been moving steadily toward the right during the last few years, attacking labor and the New Deal in an underhanded fashion while outwardly strutting around as a "voice of liberalism." In fact, a few days after the Stolberg articles got under way, the World-Telegram started another series in which it attempted to soften the indictment against Mayor Hague of Jersey City by telling how, despite his "faults," he was really a kindly, warm-hearted old cuss after all.

Stolberg's method was welcomed with open arms in the most reactionary circles in the country. George Sokolsky, speaker at National Manufacturers' Association conventions and feature writer for the open-shop New York Herald Tribune, praised Stolberg's articles to the skies, smacking his lips at the way Stolberg pulled the trick. "Mr. Stolberg shows in each article that he is for the CIO in principle but against the Stalinists in practice."

A NEW METHOD

How much cleverer than Mr. Sokolsky's old method of being openly against the CIO both in principle and in practice!

"His description of Communist activities within the C. I. O." Mr. Sokolsky went on, "is sufficient to convince Tom Girdler that he was right in his judgment in rejecting the C. I. O. as the representative of his workers." You see, it didn't take this Mr. Sokolsky two minutes to understand the real message in Stolberg's writings and he passed it on to his friend, Tom Girdler:—Rest easy, Tom. Let not the murder of eighteen steel workers weigh upon your conscience. For Ben Stolberg proves you were right. And by the grace of Trotzkyism, you can keep on murdering trade unionists and be right at the same time.

Meanwhile, the Herald-Tribune even wrote an editorial in which it saluted Hero Stolberg and borrowed the Trotzkyite slogan which Stolberg had tacked on to every one of his twelve articles.

TRIBUNE'S PLAINT

Said the Tribune: "As Mr. Stolberg has written in the World-Telegram, 'the Communist Party today is neither Red nor Communist nor revolutionary. It is, in every country, a branch of the Stalinist dictatorship. The force of the Communists derives from their totalitarian source in Moscow.' Let the worker understand the true nature of the Communist drive, and he would as soon join a fascist organization."

Believe it or not. The newspaper of Herbert Hoover, Alfred Landon and the Liberty League, which had always fought everything progressive by calling it "Communist" and "revolutionary," now decided that the workers must be warned that the Communist Party wasn't revolutionary enough. The fact is, Stolberg was showing the fascist forces the Trotzkyite technique for destroying the CIO and ultimately the entire labor movement. The Tribune had seen the crude old-fashioned type of red-baiting flop during the presidential and the municipal campaign of '36 and '37 and during the C. I. O. sit-down strikes.

Each time the red-baiting smoke screen had cleared away, it was found that the masses had moved still further to the left.

PEOPLE LEARN

And as they moved further to the left, it became even harder to get away with the earlier style of red-baiting. For the people said: "If the Liberty League is right about President Roosevelt being a Communist and John L. Lewis being a Communist and every progressive being a Communist, then the Communists can't be so bad after all and maybe there's a little bit of Communist in me." Faced with this situation, the astute Tribune which had long been worrying over the fiasco of its red-baiting, realized that something new was needed and that Ben Stolberg and the "liberal" Scripps-Howard paper had the goods when they played on the theme that the Communists "aren't revolutionary enough."

This was what Joseph Stalin meant when pointing out back in 1931 that Trotzkyism had long since ceased to be a fraction of Communism. He called Trotzkyism "the advance troop of the counter-revolutionary bourgeoisie.'

Today in the United States it is Trotzkyism that supplies the fascist-minded Tom Girdlers with an up-to-date brand of anti-labor red-baiting to meet the needs of the times.

When Stolberg sat down to write his articles, he was carrying out the policy handed him on his trips to Mexico to visit Trotzky—to "institute in all labor organizations a regime of rigid mistrust of everyone directly or indirectly connected with the Stalinist apparatus."

Examine Stolberg's method. First he vows completely to devotion to the ideals and aims of the C. I. O. He has high regard for the general staff of the CIO And then he begins to take some sideswipes at these same leaders. At Lewis for tolerating the "destructive reds" and for appointing Harry Bridges as a West Coast CIO director. At both Lewis and Phillip Murray for the defeat of the Little Steel strike. At CIO Director John Brophy for being "a tool of all sorts of adventurers." At Sidney Hillman for "self-overestimation" and for being "completely sold on the New Deal."

As you see, Stolberg is a fine friend of the CIO. But that is only the beginning. Stolberg saves the real stuff for the leaders of the newer CIO unions. And it is here that Stolberg displays his skill. For all attempts to label the original leaders of the CIO as "reds" have long since turned out to be duds.

WON'T TAKE NEW UNIONS

Beside the unions which they lead—the old, long established unions which formed the CIO—are not in dispute today in the efforts to re-unite the CIO and the A. F. of L. The moss-backs on the A. F. of L. Executive Council are quite ready to take back these original CIO unions so long as the newly organized industrial unions, with their 2,000,000 members, are destroyed.

And naturally, it is these new growing unions which the open-shoppers want to smash first. And by one of those queer coincidences, Ben Stolberg friend of the CIO finds that the leader of practically every one of these unions is a "follower of the Communist Party line—which is completely undemocratic, devious, totalitarian and Machiavellian, directed from afar (Moscow) for reasons which have nothing to do with American labor."

Yes, Stolberg is some friend of the CIO.

In future articles we will show that the aim of Stolberg and his Trotzkyite and Lovestoneite pals is to ham-string the labor movement in its efforts to win better conditions; to widen the split in labor's ranks, smash the CIO and firmly establish the A. F. of L. Executive Council die-hards in the saddle; to prevent the labor movement from playing an effective role on the political field and for peace. At the same time, we will show the Communist policy in the trade unions on these vital questions.

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—by Gropper

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It Is Not a "Sectional" Fight

• The defeat of cloture (limitation of debate), which was sought in behalf of the anti-lynching bill was a travesty on democracy—and a blow against the American people.

Once more, the same gang of Tory Republicans and Democrats, who are out to kill wages and hour, housing and other social legislation, are now threatening death to the anti-lynching bill. In voting against cloture, this clique is doing the work of the fascist-minded Wall Street barons who seek to strengthen reaction in the South as all over the country—against the entire American people.

The line-up against cloture showed also that the fight for the passage of the anti-lynching bill is no "sectional" struggle. Lodge of Massachusetts, Austin of Vermont, McNary of Washington, the Liberty League flunkey Vandenberg of Michigan, were among the NORTHERN Tory Republicans who took their place besides the Southern reactionaries.

And what was "their place?" To support the nullification of the 13th, 14th and 15th Amendments. To carry out the full betrayal of the Negro people by the Republican Party of Hearst and the Liberty League. To trample the democratic traditions of America!

Despite the defeat of cloture by the Senate reactionaries, the fight for the passage of the anti-lynching bill will—and must—go on. Senator Barkley, and other administration forces in the Senate, while supporting the bill, have failed to move aggressively to smash this filibuster.

Meantime, the democratic white people of America must not yield one inch to the filibustering pirates. This is their fight as well as the Negro people. The fight for the passage of the anti-lynching bill is the fight for the enactment of wages and hour, housing and other vitally-needed social measures. Horse-swapping, sidetracking, and substitute bills play into the hands of the Senate pirates—and must be thrown out bag and baggage.

Labor, civic, and all progressive organizations—Negro and white—should hold demonstrations on a nation-wide scale demanding passage of the anti-lynching bill. The Senate should be flooded with telegrams and resolutions calling a halt to this undemocratic filibuster and answering the disgraceful attacks against the Negro people and all decent American traditions.

In the interest of the democratic rights of every American citizen, the anti-lynching bill can—and must—become the law of the land!

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High Time to Call A Halt

• Rarely has New York seen a more destructive and hooligan display than the Tammany-led bloc is putting on in the meetings of the City Council. It is time to stop it.

By a lucky fluke for them, they are able to take advantage of endless technicalities in order to block the vital business of the City. They have been doing that for two weeks now. The Cuoncil sessions have witnessed Tammany in every conceivable trick of obstruction up to and including Court orders to prevent the proceedings from getting down to the business of progressive social legislation which Tammany is trying to block.

There is only one issue in the Council.

And that is, shall the progressive-Fusion majority be permitted to function as a majority? Or shall a destructive minority which suffered a resounding defeat in the elections be permitted to thwart the expressed will of New York electorate?

The returns of the last election were overwhelmingly anti-Tammany. They represented a repudiation of Tammany. And Tammany is now filibustering to block and nullify that mandate. Tammany has 13 votes; the progressive Fusionists have 14. That makes for a progressive majority.

The progressives have been subjected to a withering and underhanded attack by the Tammany stalwarts, with the Tammany Hall bosses giving directions from the sidelines. The progressives have held their ground well. It is no service to them in their battle to realize the people's mandate for certain groups, like the New York Post, for example, to waver before the Tammany attack and propose "a plague on both your houses" policy.

The Post has editorially criticized the Council without levying the blame where it belongs—on Tammany and Tammany alone. The Post proposed settlement of "disputes" by a Court. This is an ill-considered proposal which will only add fuel to the Tammany machine in its obstructive efforts. Such a proposal gives the Tammany minority majority privileges.

The people's will must be realized. The campaign to besmirch PR and the New City Council must be defeated. It is high time to crack down on the Tammany filibuster, and let the Council proceed to the consideration of vitally needed progressive legislation.

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Signatures of More Powers Are Needed on Notes to Tokio

• The Tokio Foreign Office, no doubt, has seriously considered setting up a Department of Apologies.

Japan's relations with the United States seem to have reduced themselves to offering unlimited excuses while continuing aggression in China and increasing the danger of world war. Yet it cannot be said that the latest note of protest handed by U. S. ambassador Joseph G. Grew in Tokio to Foreign Minister Hirohito does not have its effect, both in the United States and in Japan, in arousing popular sentiment against the war-inciters.

But what is lacking here is the fact that no matter how sharp the note, and no matter how profuse the apologies of the Japanese militarists, unilateral, or isolated action, of the United States gives the Japanese generals and diplomats an opportunity to file the notes of protest almost as fast as they receive them.

The latest American note coming at a time when the League of Nations is meeting in Geneva with the question of Japanese aggression against China before it gives the protest more significance than if it were addressed to Tokio at another time.

Instead of showing signs of desiring to collaborate, the British Tories work behind the scenes to take the place of the Nazis as bearers of terms of shameful surrender and "peace" to the Chinese. Such antics on the part of the Chamberlain crowd, which writes love-letters to Mussolini and dispatches friendly envoys like Lord Halifax to Hitler, are not designed to assuage Japan's war fervor.

It is time the British people called a halt to the Tories encouragement of the Japanese (and other) aggressors, and collaborated with the United States, France and the Soviet Union along those collective lines which alone can bring peace to the world.

More and sharper notes denouncing Japan's arrogant assaults on all who do not relish its barbarous invasion of China should go from Washington to Tokio.

But the most effective remedy that will no longer necessitate note writing, but which will achieve peace, is collective action of the powers which desire peace.

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Investigate the Investigators!

• Senator Copeland, chairman of the Senate Commerce Committee, is leaving no stone unturned in an attempt to smash the National Maritime Union and discredit American seamen.

The recent "hearings" before the Commerce Committee were used by the Hearst stooge Copeland to sling all sorts of slanderous charges against seamen as being "drunken, unruly, mutinous and troublemakers." These charges were based on the alleged testimony of some mysterious and fantastic Captain "X," who appears to be neither here nor there.

This whole inquisition against the seamen may have been regarded as slapstick. But it revealed to what depths Copeland and the open shop ship owners would stoop to wipe out the NMU and the labor movement with it.

Again and again, Copeland's slimy attacks against the NMU and the seamen have been thoroughly exposed and refuted by the maritime workers themselves. Ships' officers (as on the S. S. Black Falcon)—and even some of the shipping companies—have branded Copeland's charges of "drunken, unruly" crews as lies.

When Copeland obtained an inquiry into the alleged "disgraceful actions" of the crew of the S. S. President Hoover, U. S. Attorney Frank Hennessy after conducting the inquiry stated:

"The crew of the ship should be praised rather than criticized for its conduct after the ship was wrecked."

But Copeland has the dirty work of the reactionary ship owners to do, and isn't easily discouraged. His latest move is to start a "deportation" inquiry to "get" Harry Bridges, president of the Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union and Pacific Coast director of the CIO. None other than Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg, errand boy of the fascist-minded Liberty Leaguers, requested the "inquiry."

Simultaneously three more of the heroic S. S. Algic seamen were framed and indicted by the notorious Brooklyn Grand Jury.

The attack aginst Bridges and the Algic seamen, the scurrilous charges against the N.M.U. and ships' crews, are timed with Copeland's campaign to put over anti-labor legislation. Copeland wants the N.M.U. clamped under the union-busting Railway Labor Act.

He wants to provide an "out" for the International Mercantile Marine and the other labor hating ship-owners who are still stalling negotiations with the N.M.U.

Copeland and his collusion with the reactionary shipping companies need investigating! And let the Senate Commerce Committee investigate the living and working conditions at sea, which are the basis of the seamen's legitimate grievances—and which menace the safety of passengers on American ships.

Stop the phony "investigation" of Bridges! Investigate the "investigators"!

Tom Paine Fought Sham Neutrality In His Day as Progressives Do Today

By James S. Allen

Thoms Paine was among the foremost fighters for world democracy. He lived and fought at a time when democracy, now threatened by fascism, was established in a revolutionary manner in the United States and in France.

"These are the times that try men's souls!" wrote Paine when the American revolution against England reached an initial stage.

And the same phrase can be applied to the present situation when the fascist powers are carrying on their wars of invasion and pillage in Spain and China and are threatening to squeeze democracy out of the rest of the world.

On the occasion of the 201st anniversary of Paine's birth (Jan. 29, 1737), it is well to recall how this great fighter met some of the problems of his time. It is of especial value to review briefly his position on international affairs.

FOUGHT FOR DEMOCRACY

As is well known, Tom Paine fought for democracy in three countries and his writings have inspired democrats in all countries. Chief agitator and propagandist of the American revolutionary forces, inspirer and organizer of the democratic movement in England, an active leader of the French Revolution, the author of fiery pamphlets which served as the platform of a whole epoch of bourgeois revolutions—this was Tom Paine.

His name is associated primarily with the democratic movement against feudal privileges and autocracy in the three countries which today appear as the leading democracies of the capitalist world. These very nations are called upon today to play an important role in preserving democratic gains and weaker peoples from the onslaught of the fascist alliance. And the message of Tom Paine comes down clearly through the ages.

ENGLAND'S ROLE

During the period when Paine called for world revolution against feudal autocracy, England was the bulwark of world reaction. When the French Revolution broke out she became the policeman of Europe. She first incited Prussia and Austria into undertaking a counter-revolutionary war against France and then herself joined in the war. The Triple Alliance, headed by England, played much the same role with regard to the emerging democracy of that time as the "Triple Alliance" of Germany, Italy and Japan plays today with regard to the Soviet Union, the colonial world and the longer established democracies.

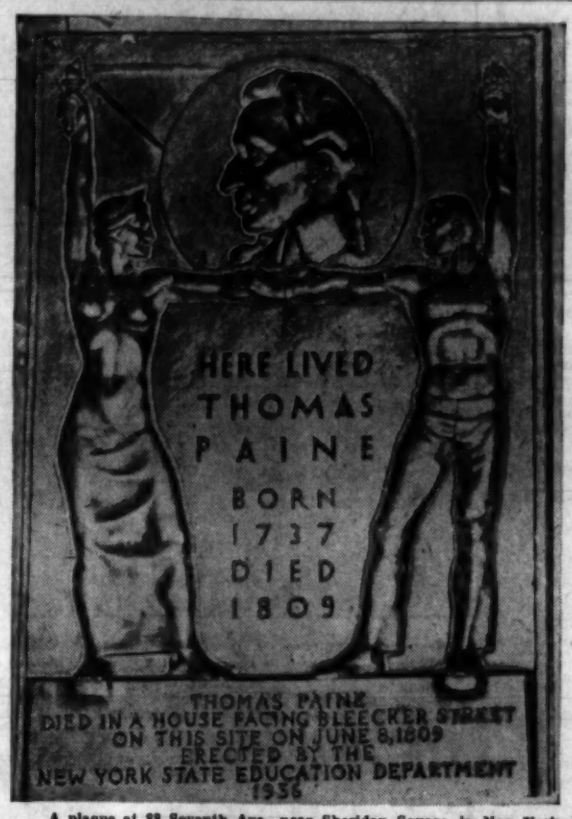
The Great French Revolution was the testing ground of all true democrats. It aroused enthusiastic support among the peoples of all countries. Our own Jacobin clubs in America sprang up everywhere in support not only of the French Revolution but of the Jeffersonian democracy which was then beginning to give battle to the American "Tories"—the Federalists led by Alexander Hamilton. The attitude to the French Revolution became a key to politics, just as the attitude towards the Soviet Union today is the touchstone of political faith.

INVITED BY FRANCE

When Paine, who was then being persecuted in England for his attacks against the monarchy, was invited by three departments of France to become their deputy in the National Assembly, he wrote in his enthusiastic letter of acceptance:

"The scene that now opens itself in France extends far beyond the boundaries of her own dominions. Every nation is becoming her colleague, and every court is becoming her enemy. It is now the cause of all nations against the cause of all courts."

This is a concise statement of the position of all democrats and progressives of that great age of the fight for democracy. The courts—the nobility and the monarchies propped up by the feudal structure—were the centers of reaction. All nations—The people, at that time led by the growing middle class, engaged in the struggle against feudal privileges and Royal usurpations—were the conveyors of democracy and the builders of an advanced form of society.



A plaque at 88 Seventh Ave., near Sheridan Square, in New York City, honors the memory of Thomas Paine, who fought for democracy for the American people in 1776. Paine lived and died in a house facing Bleecker St. He died on June 8, 1809.

BATTLED REACTION

On the basis of this world outlook and a real undertaking of the course of history, Paine was at all times a devoted supporter of France and an irreconcilable opponent of the British reaction. Even after the French Directory was established and Napoleon became the man of the hour, his great hope was that the war against the combined courts of Europe would lead to the breakdown of the British system and the establishment of democracy in England.

Although he detested war and hoped to see it abolished by a European fraternity of nations, Paine realized that only a revolutionary war against reaction and the establishment of democracy would make peace possible. Somewhat of a Quaker in his convictions, he could not under the circumstances be a pacifist. He longed and worked for the defeat of England for he believed that there would be "no lasting peace for France, nor for the world, until the tyranny and corruption of the English government be abolished, and England become a sister republic."



THOMAS PAINE

SAW SHAM OF NEUTRALITY

"Neutral" was an unreal concept to Paine. He saw through the shallow pretences of neutrality when vital issues were at stake. During Washington's second term as President strange things were done in the name of neutrality. The Federalists were able to impose their foreign policy upon the administration. The Hamiltonian circles had deep Royalist sympathies, were profoundly anti-democratic and were staunch supporters of the British-led war against France. They were the counterparts of the "economic royalists" and fascists of today.

Under the cover of neutrality, a treaty was secretly negotiated with Britain which gave her great commercial concessions and which had the effect of abrogating the old treaty of alliance with France, under which that country had given liberal financial and military aid during the American Revolution. The treaty negotiated by that stalwart reactionary, John Jay, threw the support of the United States to the British counter-revolutionary alliance, in defiance of the popular will of the American people.

URGED AID

When news of the treaty leaked out, the masses were thoroughly aroused. John Jay was burnt in effigy and enthusiastic demonstrations in support of the French Revolution were held throughout the country.

With Jeferson and his followers, Paine shared the view that the United States owed it to the cause of democracy to aid France in its epochal struggle against world reaction. The foreign policy of the government caused Paine to turn against Washington, his former comrade-in-arms. It was clear to him, he wrote Washington from France, "that everything is not as it ought to be amongst you." He urged Jefferson and his followers to reverse the policies of the Hamiltonians and strengthen those same democratic currents in Europe which had been inspired by the American Revolution.

CAN BE FOLLOWED

The democratic peoples of the world today can certainly take a leaf from Paine's world program. True and realistic internationalist that he was, he did not hesitate to advise his countrymen of three nations to oppose and overcame the deadening reaction of the feudal past.

Tom Paine was the most consistent, the most advanced propagandist for the social reforms of the bourgeois-democratic revolution that our first revolution produced.

The Hamiltons and Jays of today seek to come to the aid of the fascist entente in their counter-revolutionary wars in Spain and China. They attempt to do so under the cover of neutrality and some mystical and abstract proposition which they term "isolation," of course, not all who support this view, are Hamiltons or Jays; many follow blindly old shibboleths of a pacifist tradition. These people especially, in these times that try men's souls, need to remember Tom Paine. Then it was the cause of all nations against the cause of all courts; today it is the cause of all peoples against the cause of Fascism.

World Front

By HARRY GANNES

• The long-awaited van Zeeland world economic report is here and the surprising thing of it all is that it so thoroughly confirms advance information. Its chief result, if adopted and carried out, would be to supply the Fascist powers with easy credits and much-needed capital.

Paul van Zeeland, former Premier of Belgium, is only nominally the "author" of the report. Its content and political basis were manufactured in London by the pro-Nazi faction of the Tory cabinet. Premier Neville Chamberlain himself best described it as "economic appeasement." He should have added, "of the Fascist powers." There will be some window-dressing criticism of the report from Rome and Berlin. But what does it contain that Hitler and Mussolini or the Mikado could object to? Are they opposed to its main recommendation of the "free" flow of credit and capital to assist them in their aggressions?



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The Van Zeeland document, actually, is divided into two parts. The first is a general survey of the general economic crisis of capitalism (though it is not so termed by M. van Zeeland). He sees in the autarchy (economic self-sufficiency, actually self-sufficing war economy) of the Fascist states, in the tariff wars, in exchange, currency and capital control, a threatening catastrophe for world capitalist economy. He urges sober consideration and measures "to restore international economic relations to a sound basis."

And the second part of the report proposes remedies. Strangely enough, all of the "remedies" turn out to be concessions offered to appease Fascism.

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The van Zeeland report considers the crux of the situation the monetary disturbances and hindrances to the free flow of capital. Primarily, the financial unbalance of world capitalism is a reflection of the continued general world economic crisis which was not cured but aggravated by the methods of "solving" the last cyclical crisis. Really, the most acute present feature of the monetary situation is the deliberate sabotage of the London and Paris bankers aimed at the French anti-fascist People's Front. Similar capital sabotage has also hit the United States. It preceded the Fascist war in Spain. Of this van Zeeland has nothing to say.

Accepting and putting into practice his suggestion of doing away with the barriers to the free flow of capital would provide credits and loans to Japan, Germany and Italy to continue and extend their Fascist aggressions.

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In this respect, M. van Zeeland devotes considerable space to discussing the Fascist demands to sources of raw materials and colonies. He starts from the premise that the Fascist bandits have a valid claim for such sources of raw materials and colonial plunder. He gives only the slightest hint that the Fascist triple alliances' war program is disturbing world economy when he says: "There is no doubt that repeated shocks to the basic principles of international law exercise a pernicious influence on the economic as well as on the political relations between the nations."

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What reception will the report be accorded in this country? The organs of big finance favor it. The Wall Street Journal has already welcomed it. In form, an open letter, if one examines the report closer he will find it is especially addressed to the United States. The van Zeeland document was concocted and timed by London as an antidote to the political collaborative effect of the current Anglo-American trade pact negotiations. If there is to be a free flow of capital and credit, the European Fascist dictators look to the United States for the strings to be loosened here where the world's largest gold and credit reserves repose. If there is to be "economic appeasement" of the Fascist dictators, the Tories want a defeat of President Roosevelt's anti-Fascist foreign policies.

The van Zeeland report is so written that it cannot be just bluntly rejected by the United States. The cunning Tories saw to that. Secretary of State Hull and President Roosevelt have both been the most ardent advocates of international trade conferences to readjust the abnormal situation and as a measure for peace. But there are trade conferences and trade conferences. The Roosevelt administration never proposed, as the van Zeeland report does, a conference of France, Great Britain and the two leading Fascist powers, Nazi Germany and Blackshirted Italy.

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The Wall Street Journal's Washington correspondent probably puts it correctly when he says, "The American government will express approval of the objectives (of the van Zeeland report) but be cautious in adopting the methods suggested for achieving the objectives." Washington's "objectives" would be economic collaboration but not by the "methods suggested," that is, of economically assisting the Fascist dictators.

So much reliance do the authoritarian dictators place in this Tory trick that it is more than likely that Hitler called off the Kroll Opera House meeting Sunday, set to threaten the rest of the world in order not to prejudice the van Zeeland report.

Though van Zeeland does not waver in presenting the Tory line of economic aid to the Fascist nations he himself has the gravest doubts that his contribution to solving the economic ills of the world can survive the rising signs of a new world crisis, intensified by Fascist wars and sabotage, or that it can overcome the mountainous political obstacles in the democratic countries of the world.

Letters From Our Readers

'We Took Our Stand'—

Luzerne County, Pa.

Editor, Daily Worker:

When we moved to H——— our neighbors very soon found out that we were Communists. Both my husband and myself are active in the movement. He on his job, I in my shop and union.

Very frequently it was necessary for us to hold meetings in our home. Some of our neighbors who didn't understand decided to make life miserable for us by taking it out on our children.

In the class rooms and on the streets our children would be ridiculed and called "Reds," "Stalinists."

When we learned of this, we held a serious discussion with our children and told them to go out and staunchly defend the views of their parents. "Tell the children to look into the words of the 'International' and they will find out that the meaning of those words have an important significance. Tell them that your dad and ma are helping to establish a better world to live in.

"Where kids will be able to have decent playgrounds; where kids will be able to study, instead of entering the mines at the early age of twelve, and where they will have better clothes to wear instead of being dressed in old clothes that were used by their brothers, etc."

Our children did this, with the result that today they have gained the confidence and friendship of all the children in the neighborhood and in school they are always called upon to explain matters, with even the teachers having respect for their views. M.

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Police Raids Without Warrant or Authority—

Montreal, Quebec.

Editor, Daily Worker:

The Quebec Provincial police are on the warpath. Last week they raided the home of a lady who happened to be reading a book on Communism. They seized fifty-three volumes from her library, including works by Shakespeare, Tennyson, Browning, Marx, Engels, etc.

Places are being raided nightly. One Jewish bookstore was cleaned out of 850 volumes of Jewish history, without warrant or authority.

A padlock is on the door of every printing plant that dares to print the truth for the workers of the world. The Provincial powers refuse to support a Federal measure proposed to provide Unemployment Insurance.

To top it off, the munitions factories are working overtime for the capitalists to provide more explosives. The government has also bought $100,000 worth of tear gas bombs to subdue workers should they dare to protest. W. F. M.

"Change the World



Communism Gives
Some People
Pins and Needles

by MIKE GOLD

THE fascist elements in America have hated the C.I.O. from the moment it was born. But this powerful surge of the people could not be stopped by fair means; so now the time has come to use all the well-known fouls.

There were probably as many Communists in the C.I.O. a year ago as today. Everyone knew they were there, since wherever there are workers' organizations, one finds Communists. And what of it, my lords? Did you expect to meet only Hoover Republicans among the victims of wage slavery, race oppression and unemployment?

Even in the Catholic Church one finds Communists today. The best, the most fearless and intelligent among the workers are attracted to this world philosophy of Marx, that brings hope to a war-weary, bomb-shattered humanity. When the Roman Empire was decaying, the same type of human being turned to Christianity as a way out. Capitalism is in decay now, and what is anyone who cares deeply for humanity, or even wants to live, and wants his children to live, to do or think? The logic of Marxism is too profound and true to be crushed by mere name-calling or persecution; its enemies underestimate it, because they have not studied it.

Anyway, as yet there are only 60,000 Communist Party members in America. But the C.I.O. has four million members. How many are Communists? There are no figures, but are we to believe that this small group of men and women control the C.I.O.? The enemy flatters us; such a thing would be impossible by any organizational experience in the past. After all, C.I.O. members each have a vote. They vote on each strike and each policy. Millions of them are obviously not Communists; if they were, America would be a different and better land today.

So there is the set-up; millions of non-Communist workers, among whom one finds Republicans, Democrats, Catholics, Free Masons, Methodists, Elks, Tammanyites and followers of Roosevelt. A trade union is an organization for the mutual economic protection of its members; and it fails as trade union when it begins an inquisition and disruption of its membership on the question of their political or religious beliefs.

But the bosses want the C.I.O. to fail, and they are attempting to do it by a red-hunt, since every other method has flopped. The whole campaign has been timed by a stopwatch, one almost believes. First, the sitdown strike of Wall Street brings on a recession. Then, since unemployment is the greatest whip the bosses have against trade unions, a drive follows immediately against the C.I.O.

The issue of Communism is about as valid an excuse for the drive as the anti-Semitic issue is with Hitler. Would the C.I.O. win more strikes if they began to kick out Communists? Of course not; the C.I.O. would be weakened, because most of its energy would be going into an internal struggle. Has kicking out the Jews solved Germany's economic problems?

I have talked to C.I.O. men here and there around New York, non-Communists, people who have only been organized into trade unions for the past year. It is very heartening to find that not one of them is diverted by this anti-Communist red-herring. The trick has worn too thin. It has been used against LaGuardia and Roosevelt; now it being used against John L. Lewis; that's what the rank and file knows.

Let the Hagues, the Liberty Leaguers and the ratty little Stoibergs keep this up. Every time such a scare is started the workers' bookshops are crowded with people who want to find out what Communism really is. There were only about 20,000 Abolitionists before the Civil War, and they received the same advertising from the same sort of enemies. Slavery must die in America, and as long as there is economic slavery, there will have to be Communists.

English, and Irish Workers Set Tradition in Boycott of Cotton

(Continued from Page 2)

idealism which prompted the Irish people to spurn the economic bribes of the British reactionaries. It was also a deep understanding that the victory of the North was at the same time a victory for liberty and progress everywhere. In acting as they did, the Irish workers were in reality defending their deepest interests, although at the expense of a temporary sacrifice.

It is no wonder that Karl Marx responded with joy and enthusiasm to these acts of solidarity. He saw that with the working people supporting the North, the pro-slavers in England would never dare to go to war on the side of the Confederacy, and he energetically helped to organize this sentiment into action.

"It ought never to be forgotten in the United States, that at least the working classes of England, from the commencement to the termination of the difficulty, have never forsaken them. . . . In ordinary circumstances, the conduct of the British workingmen might have been anticipated from the natural sympathy the popular classes the world over ought to feel for the only popular government in the world. Under the present circumstances, however, when a great portion of the British working classes directly and severely suffers under the consequences of the southern blockade—when another part is directly smitten by the curtailment of American commerce, when the only remaining democratic weekly, Reynolds paper, week after week exhausts its horse-powers of foul language in appeals to the working class, for their own interests, to urge the government to war with the union—under such circumstances, simple justice requires the payment of a tribute to the sound attitude of the British working classes. . . ."

WORKERS' SACRIFICE

Were the Irish and English workers right in making their sacrifices? Who would deny it today that they acted not only nobly and generously, **but wisely and realistically as well?**

Workers are not strangers to the need for sacrifices. When they organize their unions, the vulgar upper-class economists are surprised that the workers should be willing to give dues out of their meagre wages **for apparently no immediate benefit.** But what intelligent worker does not know that these "sacrifices" are paid back a thousandfold in the power of trade union organization, in the advancement of workers to manhood and strength?

In case of a strike, what sacrifices the workers must make! And yet who would deny that these sacrifices, in loss of pay, in privation and struggle, are not worth the effort a thousandfold over in the winning of union recognition and union standards in advancing the cause of labor?

The case of the anti-Japanese boycott is exactly the same.

It is the duty and the problem of the whole labor movement to make the sacrifice of the boycott as small as possible for the hosiery workers. But it is the undeniable and honorable duty of the hosiery workers to fulfill their part in the fight to halt fascism and war.

Who can deny the victories of the Japanese militarists brings war closer to America. Who can deny that the murder of the Chinese workers and peasants in brutal massacre menaces the whole world with similar outrages. Who can deny that victories for the Japanese militarists gives aid and comfort, as well as strength to their allies, Hitler and Mussolini?

Even further. Who can deny that victories for fascism in other countries helps the growth of fascism in America, **a fascism which would strike just as hard at the hosiery workers as other workers?**

Why should the hosiery workers permit themselves to pull the chestnuts out of the fire for the pro-fascist, anti-union groups in this country who want to stop any peace movement against Japanese goods?

TRADITIONS OF PAST

Let us remember that it was the worst exploiters of the English textile workers, the manufacturers, who were loudest in urging the English textile workers to put an end to their "sacrifices" and join in the war against the United States. This situation is true today, with the worst enemies of labor suddenly worrying about the hosiery workers whom they despise at all other times. This alone is enough to make the hosiery workers suspicious.

Let us also remember that with the hosiery workers vigorously joining in the anti-Japanese boycott, they can do much to promoting the manufacture of substitutes, a measure which has already been proven eminently practical and feasible.

In accepting the subtle propaganda of the pro-fascist sympathisers, the hosiery workers will be hurting their own best interests.

The labor movement, and all liberty-loving Americans, know that the hosiery workers will carry on in the great traditions of their brothers of the days gone by. The hosiery workers will sit down with American labor and the forces of progress to work out ways and means for minimizing the sacrifice. But the hosiery workers will not sell their birthright for a mess of pottage held out to them by their worst, labor-hating enemies.

Left on Broadway

Toscanini Meets Minnie; Fighting Frank Breaks a Date

By MANNGREEN

"MINNIE" FOR THE MAESTRO—Like Colleague Michael Gold, Maestro Arturo Toscanini also took time off this past week to visit a Broadway nite club. The famous conductor attended the midnite show at the Cotton Club and was royally received by the management. Cab Calloway, whose hi-de-ho orchestra is a feature of the club's floor show, showed his personal appreciation of the maestro's patronage by playing "Minnie The Moocher"! Toscanini even seemed to like it.

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RUMBLINGS AND RUMORS—*Again that whisper of a coming merger between Western Union and Postal Telegraph. For a while it seemed that negotiations had stalled and the deal was off. Now comes word that Washington is in the midst of legislation aiming to slide the merger through in spite of the anti-trust regulations . . . There's a real story behind the rise to fame of the gallant, crippled little CHICK WEBB, who has become such a favorite among swing fans throughout the country. Recognized as one of the greatest of all modern drummers, the young Negro has had to overcome the terrific handicap of a back twisted from birth . . . BENNY GOODMAN was seen at "Pins and Needles" Monday night. He confided that his arrangement of "One Big Union for Two" was really terrific . . . Carlos Chavez should provide one of the highspots on the New Masses program for February 6. Chavez is one of the great musicians of our day. He conducted the N. Y. Philharmonic Orchestra two year's ago, before the advent of Barbirolli.*

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NEW ANTI-WAR PLAY IN REHEARSAL—*Phillips Burrell's anti-war satire, "He Was Like A Continent," is set to open February 15 at the Roosevelt Theatre on Second Ave., and Houston St. The Try-out Guild is sponsoring the production. Nicholas Gray is staging.*

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STADIUM DATE SET—The Lewisohn Stadium concerts this year will begin June 22. No conductor has been selected as yet for the opening concert but you can be assured that Mrs. Guggenheim will be there to make a speech, Mayor LaGuardia will occupy a front row table and if the opening runs true to form, there will be fire engines and airplanes on hand to help out with the sound effects.

'Race for Life' Theatrical Satire

Doris Humphrey and Charles Weidman Seen in Hilarious Farce

By MAGERY DANA

The most serious and provocative commentaries of the season in theatrical style were presented by Doris Humphrey and Charles Weidman in their concert Sunday evening at the Guild. Both presented new works. Miss Humphrey's "Race of Life," suggested by James Thurber's drawings, was at once funny, sympathetic, and caustic in its comment on the struggles of Mr. Average Citizen and family to keep up with the Joneses and to improve themselves at all costs. Vicissitudes in the way of very red Indians hellbent for scalps, fearsome and bodiless night creatures, and a too-good-to-be-true beautiful stranger these are, at long last, routed, and mamma, papa, and child finally scale the dubious heights and plant their little flag, "Excelsior."

Doris Humphrey was an amusingly harassed mother, Jose Limon a good natured, sometimes erring father, and Charles Weidman a most amiable child. George Bockman was the most hell-bent of the Red Indians, and Edith Orcutt was the too-good-to-be-true. The whole matter was hilarious, theatrical, fast-moving and friendly, with plenty of surprises. The program note said "'Anything may be read into it or left out of it without making a great deal of difference' —(Dorothy Parker)." So—take your choice.

"This Passion," composed by Charles Weidman, was a serious comment on the contemporary environment. It is based on three contrasting themes which are placed in juxtaposition to one another to produce a kaleidoscopic effect suggestive of the complexities of the present social order. The themes recurring in sequential order through the three parts of the work, are "Tabloid" — a "domestic tragedy" (wife kills husband in love triangle), "Air Raid" (preparedness—with gas masks—in a completely militarized world), and "Interlude" and "Conclusion" (aspiration toward a saner order).

There were irony and gristly humor in the sordid unfoldment of the "Tabloid" sequences. "Air Raid" pointed in fiendish glee to a future fantastic state of affairs when removal of a gas-mask will constitute a strip-tease (if things go on the way they are, is the implication). Two "Interludes" and a "Conclusion" were brief suggestions of a hoped-for future condition of sanity and well-being. Weidman's unique gift for subtle ribbing of human follies was well applied in the "Tabloid" and "Air Raid" scenes, and the work as a whole showed both knowledge of theatre and a realistic analysis of his material. The comment was on human frailty itself—particularly on its penchant for rationalization.



Stars of The Week

At left, a character from "The Dybbuk," at the Continental; Sylvia Chen, Soviet Chinese dancer, will make her American debut at the Windsor tomorrow night; Louise Fazenda and Nat Pendleton from "Swing Your Lady" at the Strand.

I.W.O. Children Strike Up the Band

Children's Music Festival Planned for February 13th At Washington Irving High School

By Eric Lucas

For the last two years, drum and bugle corps, brass bands, mandolin groups, orchestras and choruses of children, have become an important feature of labor functions all over the country.

The Junior Section of the International Workers Order which sponsors these groups, have over fifty of these children's groups alone, employing as many trained and capable musicians as instructors. Adult branches of the I.W.O. provide money and people to constantly improve and increase the size of the groups. It is increasingly becoming a medium through which working-class children can receive the type of musical education that was formerly reserved only for the privileged classes.

Take the case of Joey Cooper. Joey has always shown a real interest in music. But Joey's pop was a machinist. A dollar or two a week for instruction would cut too deeply into the family budget. Part of Joey—that part that might yet develop into a musician—was doomed to die. And this is what might have been, but for the grace of the I. W. O. Today Joey is the first clarinet of a Brooklyn Junior Brass Band and according to his instructor, well on his way to a distinguished musical career.

Many Lessons Taught

These instances could be repeated for almost every child in every group. Some with more talent and some with less, but all of them brought closer to the well-springs of real American culture through their music. But these groups serve other purposes. They teach the child the value of collective action through his participation in the group. They teach him the meaning and value of labor through the very songs he plays. And finally, they make the very study of music only part of his function as a member of his branch. He plays basketball with his team in competitions, he takes part in dramatic presentations and in the same way he studies his music so that his band will give a good account of itself in the concerts and competitions that the Junior Section holds regularly.

"Music is for all children," says Dave Greene, secretary of the City Central Committee. "For a fuller life, for a deeper understanding of music, for development of potential musical talent, the underprivileged child of the worker must receive a sympathetic musical education. But we must not stop at music alone. Cultural development must extend beyond this single sphere. Nor must we stop with the I.W.O. Junior Section. Every labor organization in America should sponsor a wider cultural development. Culture is the birthright of all children.

On the afternoon of the 13th of February, the Junior Section will present its most ambitious project to date, the Children's Music Festival in the auditorium of Washington Irving High School. Until Feb. 13, the I. W. O. in conjunction with the American Music League and the Downtown Music School, will hold a series of auditions. At these auditions children of I. W. O. members and members of the Junior Section, playing any and every instrument, will compete for the opportunity to be one of the six soloists to play at this Children's Concert Festival. To make the child eligible for the audition, registration blanks must be submitted to the Junior Music Committee, I. W. O., 80 Fifth Avenue, New York City. The three most talented of the six selected will receive scholarships of higher musical education at the Downtown Music School.

Sukoenig Heard on Sunday

Sidney Sukoenig will be guest soloist with the Federal Symphony Orchestra in the Federal Music Theatre, 254 West 54th St., Sunday (Jan. 30) at 8:45 o'clock. For this second concert in the current Brahms Series the orchestra is under the direction of Chalmers Clifton.

Mr. Sukoenig will play the "Concerto No. 2, B flat major" for piano and orchestra. The "Symphony No. 2 in D Major" completes the program.

Music and the Labor Movement

The Downtown Music School announces the second Sunday afternoon of its subscription series on Jan. 30 at 5:30 P. M. at the headquarters of the school, 68 E. 12th St. Charles Seeger, well-known musicologist, will give a lecture illustrated with recordings on "American Folk Music and the Labor Movement."

OPERA AT HIPP

"Aida" is the week-end opera at the Hippodrome tonight.



Benny Goodman at the clarinet; Gene Krupa at the drums and Lionel Hampton at the vibraphone are holding forth at the Paramount.

The Merry ✣ Go ✣ Round

Federal Theatre Offers Free Tickets to Victims of Fire

By Alfred Davis

If the survivors of the famous Madison Street fire of several years ago can be found, they will be the guests of the Federal Theatre in its current indictment of the housing situation ". . . one-third of a nation. . . ." A vivid reenactment of the famous fire which took thirteen lives is one of the dramatic highlights of the play, and the WPA has invited all those who lived in 139 Madison St. at the time of the fire to communicate with them and they will see the show free.

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Next Saturday there will be two showings of the banned German film "Kuhle Wampe," with music by Hans Eisler. The program will also include "The Plow That Broke the Plains" and a Chaplin comedy. The showings, at 7:30 and 9:30, will be held at 132 W. 43rd St. . . . The Federal Theatre's next big event will be a two and a half hour vaudeville show opening next Saturday at the 49th St. Theatre.

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With Orson Welles as master of ceremonies the New Masses will put on a musical show next Sunday at the 46th St. theatre that will satisfy all including the swing cats and jickey long hairs. What's left on tin pan alley will be demonstrated by Marc Blitzstein and Harold Rome; Aaron Copeland and Paul Bowles will provide the opera; theatre music will be represented by Kurt Weill and Hans Eisler; dance by Alex North and Anna Sokolow, and the Prince of swing, Count Basie, will put on a show of his own.

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Tomorrow's Sunday Worker will carry the scoop story of the addition of Heywood Broun's famous column "It Seems to Me" to the regular features of the Midwest Daily Record. . . . Jack Dempsey will personally escort the Queen of Stenographia at the annual Steno's Ball next Saturday night at the Royal Windsor, 66th St. at Central Park West, while Frances Farmer, Heywood Broun and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Quill approvingly look on. . . . Harlem's first Negro and White symphony orchestra will be heard tomorrow night at the Lafayette Theatre in Harlem. . . . The New Theatre League steps out in the role of producer tomorrow night with a dramatic evening of one act plays and sketches at the Mercury Theatre.

Hollywood Inside Out

One Ad Brings Seventy-Two Replies; "The Adventures of Marco's Props."

By Don Blackwell

As one union to another, the heretofore totally amateur cast of the labor play, "Pins and Needles" have joined the Actors Equity Association. . . . The play is sold out for the entire month of February. . . . In a decision in a Philadelphia court recently, Judge Louis Leventhal upheld the right of one Jesse Homles to show the Loyalist film "Spain in Flames." . . . The censors tried to ban it.

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Klaus Mann, novelist son of Thomas Mann came to town last week and was the guest of honor at a reception held by the Hollywood Anti-Nazi League. Like his illustrious father and his famous uncle Heinrich Mann, Klaus is an ardent and eloquent anti-nazi.

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A want ad in Los Angeles and Hollywood newspapers appeared the other day, reading: "Wanted. Experienced woman detective. Must be attractive and intelligent. State qualifications. Box 279." The ad was placed by Columbia Pictures; got 72 replies and after the selected applicant had successfully answered a series of hypothetical questions on a murder mystery, was hired as technical advisor to Joan Blondell who is playing a woman detective in "There's Always a Woman." . . . Carole Lombard, confronted with the task of eating a turkey leg in a film scene, insisted that she be provided with a turkey leg made of beef. . . . The Lombard gal hates gobbler meat.

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$80,000 worth of props were used by Sam Goldwyn in making "The Adventures of Marco Polo" . . . said to be the greatest amount of props used in motion picture history . . . the number of saddles and bridles numbering enough to furnish an army.

Art

Paintings of Tschacbosov Convince Spectator of Their Truth

By Jacob Kainen

At one time the most usual complaint about proletarian art was that it was insufferably dreary and dull. Criticism of this type, of course, was voiced for the most part by effete persons with jaded and sensitive appetites which required pre-digested pabulums to avoid irritation. Nevertheless, there was some grain of truth in the general falsehood. Many of the socially critical painters were and are so uncompromisingly grim that they reject fresh painting and work in dark dirty color. Perhaps the implication is that clear high color is a sensuous frivolity, not becoming to men who walk in darkness. With a monastic self-denial they restrict themselves to a few ghastly colors to reflect the sorrows of the working class.

Little wonder, then, that certain critics try to get away with silly remarks about socially critical pictures being propaganda and not art. No one can work the stale gag on Tschacbasov, who is exhibiting at the A.C.A. Gallery, 52 W. 8th St. For one thing, Tschacbasov possesses an incredibly complex and flexible technique which goes beyond that of any current American practitioner. Secondly, he designs his pictures with great care and imagination, maintaining abstract pictorial qualities without sacrificing social realism. Thirdly, the pictures hit home with such force that they convince the spectator of their truth.

Tschachasov deals with subjects like lynching, poverty-stricken families, bad housing, flood refugees, Spanish war themes, satirical takeoffs on men of wealth, politicians, war and the like. "Little Red School House" shows a score or so of children wearing gas-masks in front of their school. The repetition of the circular goggles has a terrific cumulative effect.

"Stork Derby" is an interior with a pregnant mother surrounded by a large group of her children. The social horror of this degrading competition and its effect on working class women is told in broad, emotional brushwork. "Prisoners" shows the torture of Negroes in the prison hells of Georgia.

Satire is sharp and vicious, particularly in the "Two Aryans," in which a little guy in a Nazi uniform supports the extended arm of a taller Nazi in the "Heil" salute. Gallows form the background. The "Esthetic Joy of a Well Fed Man" is in a milder vein with a more local punch.

Health Advice

By Medical Advisory Board

. . . ctors of the Medical Advisory Board do not advertise. Readers' questions will be referred to a doctor for reply. However, diagnosis of individual cases and prescription will not be attempted. When writing, please enclose stamped, self-addressed en. elope.

Food Loss in Cooking Vegetables

One of our readers has raised the question of the loss of food value in cooking vegetables. We are printing his letter since its information is substantially correct and answers the question adequately.

"The primary value of waterless cooking is the fact that all vitamins and minerals are retained in fruits and vegetables and none of these health essentials is boiled out in water. Also, due to the fact that these elements are balanced in the raw vegetables we get the full benefit of the food. Thus, in boiling potatoes (after paring) 50 per cent of the food value is lost. In carrots, the food value is lost from 20 to 30 per cent and in cabbage from 30 to 40 per cent. (These statistics are from U. S. Gov't. bulletin No. 43.) This method of cooking is also very economical. Since the cooked food is as balanced as the raw food, it is more nourishing to the body. Therefore, one cannot eat as much of waterless cooked food as one can of boiled foods even though the former will supply the necessary elements for energy and good health."

Dots & Dashes

HIGHLIGHTS FOR TODAY

11:00-WABC—Philharmonic Symphony
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8:00-WABC—Columbia Workshop
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9:30-WEAF—JACK HALEY'S LOG CABIN with Virginia Verrill, Warren Hull, Wendie Barrie, Ted Fio-Rito's Orchestra
9:00-WJZ—National Barn Dance
9:15-WOR—Chicago Symphony
10:00-WEAF—SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, Arturo Toscanini

7:30-WJZ—Uncle Jim's Question Bee
8:00-WJZ—Dance Orchestra
8:30-WABC—Morgan Orchestra
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Gonna' Saddle 'Old Paint' And Git Those Rustlers

By Henry McLemore

PHOENIX, Ariz., Jan. 28 (UP).—All I know about the wild West is what I see in Madison Square Garden once a year, and what I learn from cowboy songs.

So today I am going to saddle old paint (that's what I call my automobile and if you could see it you'd understand why I call it "old paint") and take a look at the West first hand. Being a reporter, I am inquisitive and want to know if some of the things I have heard about this part of the country are true.

One of the most popular Western ballads comes out flatly with the statement that out here the deer and the antelope spend their entire time playing, that discouraging words are seldom heard, and that a cloud in the sky is as rare as an insincere handclasp.

I question all three of those statements. Something tells me that somewhere out here there must be at least one sober-minded deer or antelope who has some regard for the future, and refuses to spend all his time playing. And as for the no discouraging words business, you can't tell me that if I went up to the chief of police and asked him if he thought I could make a go of a little counterfeiting plant, he'd say:

"McLemore, you got something there. I wish you all the success in the world."

I'll have to admit that I haven't seen a cloud out here yet. But the very fact that Arizonians know what a cloud looks like is proof that there was one around here at one time or another.

Another thing I want to look into is the lonesomeness of the cowboy. If the songs that are sung about them and by them are true, then they compose the most unhappy, forlorn group in the world.

I'll have to call it a day, now, pardner. One of the boys from the Bar B Square T Ranch just rode over, hell bent for leather, and told me a band of rustlers were working down in Cob Gulch.

Pour some gasoline in old paint, boys, and I'll be right with you.

'Daily' Man Picks All-Star IWO Five

Roy Parker of the Daily Worker sports staff yesterday named an all-star quintet from the Senior Division of the International Workers Order basketball tourney to face the Luzerne County (Pa.) I.W.O. five which will invade New York Feb. 12.

Twelve players were picked to face the boys from the Anthracite District. They are:

Victor Lopas, Branch Y-111; Mario Palanqui and Dewey Boyden, Branch YD-691; Any Bagan and Mike Harman, Branch Y-217; Seymour Raboy, Branch YD-600; Danny De Deo, Nick Moranti and Tony Cilento, Branch Y-196; Sid Morris, Branch YD-519 and Steve Kohan and Pete Cansew, Branch YD-1520.

Pro Soccer

At Commercial Field, Kingston and Lefferts Avenue, Brooklyn, the Hatikvoh booters faces the Strong Swedish F. C. in a Premier Division of the Metropolitan League contest.

The St. Mary's Celtics play the Baltimore eleven in a second round National Challange Cup game at Celtic Park, 27 Street and Fifth Avenue, Brooklyn. Last week the Celtics knocked off the crack Brooklyn Hispanos in a first round fray.

The defending champion New York Americans meet the Hungarian S. C. of Bethlehem, Pa. in another second round National Challange Cup go at Starlight Park, the Bronx.

Another Great Detroit Catcher

When it comes to catchers, Detroit is the place to find them. First there was Micky Cochrane, who went down time and again only to pop up behind the plate as soon as the doctors would allow it. And now it's Rudy York, the youngster who did some fancy stick work last year, breaking Babe Ruth's record with 18 home runs in one month.

Coming back seems to be Cochrane's specialty. First the Detroit manager cracked up while with the Philadelphia Athletics. Then he went under while with the Tigers in '36, but was back in action the following year, until he narrowly escaped death when a pitch by the Yanks' Bump Hadley fractured his skull.

As a reward for this amazing courage, the Philadelphia Baseball Writers' Association recently gave Micky a plaque for being the most courageous player in the major leagues.

Rudy York is all set to take up the burden where Cochrane left off. Now that Micky has retired as a played, Rudy will be the regular Detroit backstop.

Elden Auker, Detroit hurling ace, has already put in a "plug" for the young catcher.

After extolling Rudy's many virtues, Auker added:

"He's going to be one of baseball's greatest catchers."

B'KLYN RIVALS AT IT TONITE

Two sizzling local basketball rivalries heat up the frigid Brooklyn air tonight. Not impressed? We'll try again.

Brooklyn rocks to the impact of local rivals colliding within the confines of—not so good either.

In as thrilling a pair of—Aw, let's get down to the facts without adjectives. They are:

1. L.I.U. plays St. Francis at Brooklyn College of Pharmacy Gym.
2. Brooklyn College plays St. Johns at the Brooklyn College Gym.

Who'll win? Our guess is L.I.U. and St. Johns.

Why? Well, if you must know: L.I.U. (short for Long Island University) hasn't got the greatest team in its history by a long shot. Last year's outfit of Bender, Kramer, Merson, etc. could spot it ten points and probably walk in.

But on the other hand last year's outfit was a super-college team, and this gang, not bad in its own right, has been at a handicap under the contrast. No team that walks away with De Paul of Chicago, trims unbeaten George Washington within a week is a mediocre basketball team.

St. Francis? Good ball club. Best in some time. But L.I.U. is too big and moving too fast.

So is St. Johns too big and moving too fast for too small Brooklyn College. The Redmen are really going to town for the first time since the Golden Wonder Five Days, and Brooklyn won't be able to stop them.

But Brooklyn is a good little ball club. Remember they upset Manhattan. But Manhattan, though good, was small, and height is still important. They'll give St. Johns a fight and make them go all out.

Two nice games to watch, but St. Johns vs. L.I.U. and Brooklyn vs. St. Francis would be more equitable.

Garibaldi Club Wins Again in YCL Play

The Garibaldi Youth Club of the Young Communist League won its second straight basketball game by handing the Wildcats a 38-14 trouncing. Starting out with a rush, the Garibaldi five ran up enough points in the early minutes to hold the Wildcats at bay for the remainder of the contest.

Henry Laffer, captain of the Garibaldi outfit, ran wild with ten field goals for twenty points which would have been enough to win the game by themselves.

Cleveland Ace in Line

CLEVELAND, Jan. 27. — The Cleveland Indians aren't having any trouble signing up their pitching staff for the coming season. Bob Feller and Johnny Allen were the first to agree to terms. Mel Harder has just returned his contract with an okay on it

"NO HARD FEELINGS"



Says Jim Braddock to Tommy Farr and vice versa. You may recall there was a bit of eyebrow raising over the fact that Tommy left the ring without shaking victor Jim's hand after the fight. They'll go at it again April 1, and that's no April fool gag.

Lots of Action in Manh. League

The Manhattan Soccer League race passes another lap tomorrow with all of the league elevens seeing action during the afternoon.

Featured on the day's program is a double-header at Thomas Jefferson Field. The crack Scandinavian booters, present Manhattan League-leaders, take on the fast moving International Workers Order All-Stars in the big game of the twin bill. In the first game the Dauntless F. C. faces the Chilean Workers Club.

Another thrilling contest will be played at Gravesend Park when the Gijon booters class with the Hebrew Butchers Union. At Van Cortland Park the fast Transport Workers Union outfit meets the Esthonians.

The Brownsville I. W. O. battles Local 32-B of the Building Service Employees International Union at Bergy Head Park. The other Division A game will pit the Furriers Joint Council against the Ecuador booters.

In the B Division the Red Sparks meet Hanescher and the Prospects face the Vitas.

Danning Holdout

Only holdout worries thus far are the Giant's two "Hanks," outfielder Leiber and Catcher Danning.

Selkirk, Ott, Get Raises, Sign Up

Two important members of New York's pennant winning clubs came into the fold yesterday with the Giants announcing that Melvin Ott had signed his contract and the Yankees that George Selkirk had accepted terms. Ott is believed to have signed for around $17,500.

Selkirk, who rejected the first terms offered him, came to New York today and personally agreed to his 1938 salary believed to be approximately $13,000.

Eastern Net Tourney Opens at LIU Today

With both Columbia and St. John's, former winners of the competition, entered, the Eastern Intercollegiate Indoor tennis championship tournament will get under way this afternoon at Nick's Tennis Courts, 30 West 143rd Street. The tourney is being sponsored by Long Island University.

Yale, Rutgers, New York University and the University of Virginia are among the many colleges represented in the tournament. Play will be for the Motcalfe Bowl, donated by Dean Tristram Walker Metcalfe of L. I. U., which is symbolic of the team crown.

FIREWORKS ON LABOR COURTS

By Roy Parker

Another weekend of fireworks steps out on to the basketball court in the form of Trade Union Athletic Association triple-headers tonight and tomorrow evening.

The festivities will open when the United Office and Professional Workers, Local 16, take the floor against the Building Service Employees International Union, Local 32-B at the Institutional Synagogue, 37 West 116 Street, at 7:00 P. M. The return of Barney Gould and Micky Gordon to the Office Workers' lineup is expected to give them a big chance of overcoming the accurate shooting of Joe Cosmo and Johnny Long.

Next the Fur Floor Boys, Local 125, set to stage a comeback after losing to the International Workers Order All-Stars last week, face the strong Transport Workers Union in what promises to be an exciting affair with plenty of shooting, passing, cutting, cribbing and all the other things that go with fast basketball.

Finally comes the big game of the evening in which the New York Federation of Post Office Clerks, Local 10, conquerors of the mighty Furriers Joint Council, will attempt to make monkeys out of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, Local 1225, quintet, wherever you turn in labor court circles they're discussing the Post Office team. The Electrical Workers are hoping that Milt Klein, Murray Weisberg and Harry Arginsky click tonight and hand the "Radio Local" a glorious victory.

But when it comes to trade union basketball, its the fighting spirit that counts, so there's no telling who will take the P. O, Clerks-Electrical Workers contest.

Tomorrow night there's another gala triple-header at Stuyvesant High School, Fifteenth Street, between First and Second Avenues. If you can't get down tonight you certainly should try for this one.

First the Furriers Joint Council meets the crackerjack Meat Cutters Joint Council five in what is literally a battle of titans. Secondly, the International Workers Order All-Stars faces the Association of Workers in Public Relief Agencies and the affair winds up with a game between Local 1206 of the U. E. R. M. W. and the United Wholesale Employees.

KO Stewart After Middle Glory

With the prospect of future matches with some of the leading middleweights in the world before them, Ossie Stewart, Harlem's new fistic idol, and rough, tough Joe (Butch) Lynch eagerly awaited the gong which would send them forth in a ten-round main event battle at the Rockland Palace tonight.

The $500 reward offered by Promoter Al Douglas to anyone who can persuade any of the ten ranking middleweights to face Stewart still stands. Should he emerge victorious, the Pittsburgh Pulverizer will visit the Commission Tuesday and demand a match with some of the 160-pound leaders whom he claims continue to avoid him. Stewart has been defeated but once in 49 starts and has K.O.'d his last eleven adversaries.

AAU Ice Team Sails For Czechoslovakia

An all-star team of nine players sailed on the liner Aquitania today to represent the United States in the world ice hockey championships to be played at Prague, Czechoslovakia, starting Feb. 11.

The players were: John Hutchinson, Boston, manager; Spencer Wagnild, Minneapolis; Allen A. Van, St. Paul; Arthur Bogue, Detroit; George P. Quirk, Detroit; Ralph Donti, New Haven; Hugh Y. Young, New Haven; Laurier Charest, Lewiston, Me.; Raymond A. Lemieux, Waterville, Me.; Jerry Cosby, New York.

The players were selected from various star teams throughout the country by the hockey committee of the Amateur Athletic Union.

Furrier '11' Indoors

The Furriers Joint Council soccer team plays an indoor soccer game tonight against the Arrows F.C. at the Second Naval Battalion Armory, First Ave. and 52nd St., Brooklyn. The game is a second round contest of the State Football Association tourney.

What's On

RATES: 15 words, 50c Monday to Saturday, $1 Sunday, 5c additional word. DEADLINE: Weekdays, 12 Noon. Sunday Worker, Friday, 12 Noon. Payments must be made in advance or notice will not appear.

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A. LANDY speaks on "The Philosophy and Politics of John Dewey." Adm. 25c. 2nd floor, 30 E. 12th St. Ausp.: Workers School. 2:30 P.M.

ATTORNEY EDWARD KUNTZ . . . on "Outstanding Labor Cases." I.L.D. Lecture Series 3:30 P.M. 11 West 18th St., third floor. Lectures every Saturday.

Tonight

Manhattan

DANCE . . . held by Model Youth Legislature. Featuring hit numbers from "Pins and Needles." And Miss Frances Farmer in Person. . . . This evening. Pythian Temple, 135 W. 40th St. Ausp. American Youth Congress. Adm. 60c.

INTERNATIONAL Musical Review, by the Cuban Relief Committee, Irving Plaza, E. 15th St. & Irving Pl. Floor Show, Cuban Rhumba. Volga Balalaika Orchestra. Vito Marcantonio, master of ceremonies. Dance till 2 A.M. Adm. 50c.

CONCERT and Dance for benefit of Abraham Lincoln Brigade, 8:30 P.M. Concert League, 846 7th Ave. Louis Figuero, veteran of Abraham Lincoln Brigade, will discuss "Victory at Teruel." Adm. 75c. Refreshments free.

THEATRE EVENING . . . See a revised version of "Waiting for Lefty." Dances by Ruth Bluestone to "Songs of Protest." Dancing after! All for 25c at our New Labor Theatre, 268 E. 78th St., 8:30 P.M.

CONCERT-DANCE! To celebrate Sara Chernow, 25 years' activity in the Labor Movement. 269 West 25th St. Ausp.: Knitgoods Branch, C.P. 8:30 P.M.

BIRTHDAY DANCE & Barbecue!!! Whole Barbecued Pig & Trimmings, at the beautiful New Community Center, Solidarity Branch 891, IWO, 317 West 125th St. 6 P.M. to 6 A.M.

CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERT Freiheit Mandolin Orchestra. 8:30 P.M., 106 East 14th St. Program: Ensemble, Eugene Plotnikoff, conductor. "Wolk" Quartet, Sol Goichberg, Mandolin Soloist, Bernice Stone, Pianist-Composer.

GIRLS' SWING ORCHESTRA. Entertainment & Dance. . . . Steve Katovis Br. I.L.D. 50 St. Marks Place. Contribution 25c. 8:30 P.M.

A PROGRAM of social films . . . The unemployment film "Kuhle Wampe" and "Plow That Broke the Plains." 7:30-9:30 P.M. New Theatre League, 132 W. 43rd St. Subs. 35c.

TEK DANCE. Federation Architects, Engineers, Chemists, Technicians at New Dance Group. 26 W. 18th St. Entertainment. Refreshments. Dancing. Subscription 45c.

HILL-BILLY NITE at Club Malraux—nuf said!!! Amplified music. Refreshments. Entertainment. Hatcheck. gals 15c. Males 25c. YCL, 66 Clinton St., 2nd floor. 8 P.M.

GERMAN WORKERS Club, 1501 3rd Ave. (83th St.). Dance and entertainment. Hat-check 25c.

FRIED CHICKEN at a Model's Party at Studio 642 of Norman Raebin, 1947 B'way. Sub. 25c. Meet artists and models, dancing. Fun galore!

YOU CAN'T GO WRONG, if you follow the throng to the American Music Alliance; the band is snappy, the people are happy (and the food is beyond all defiance). 114 W. 54th St. Subs. 35c.

KNOCK KNOCK!! Who's There?? I'm Cohen! I'm Cohen who? I'm Cohen to the Social Dance Group Studio, where I meet a lot of nice young people and have a swell time dancing, playing ping-pong, chess, checkers, until 3 A.M. for only 35c including hat check. 94 5th Ave. (14th). 8:30 P.M.

BALLOON DANCE in spacious Greenwich Village Studio. Hat check 25c. 107 McDougal St. Ausp.: Matteotti League & Toppers Club. 9 P.M.

JANUARY JAMBOREE and Musicale. Dancing to Swing. A grand time with a sociable crowd. Refreshments. Sub. 25c. 121 East 19th St. Ausp.: Washington Square Teachers Circle. 8 P.M.

WHAT PRICE Charlie McCarthy? Our dances have something!! Swing Session Band. Subs. 25c. Ford Hall, 41 West 134th St. Ausp.: Nat Turner Branch C.P. 10 P.M.

HARLEM SWING CLUB builds up a tempo that's a Tee-Riff-Fial!! Our Swing Stars are the talk of the town! Doodlebugs, popularity band contest. 41 West 124th St. 9 P.M.

WANNA have a great time?? Swing with some swell guys and gals at Chinese Cultural Center, 2nd Ave. and 9th St. Big Apple! Subs. 35c. 8:30 P.M.

ARE YOU BLUE or lonely? Then come to our party to celebrate our campaign success. Good food. Fun. Games. Dancing. 8:30 P.M. 174 West 69th St., Apt. 4C. Admission none!

YOU ONLY LIVE ONCE. Concert presenting Bill Matons, Experimental Group. Klarna Pinaka, spectacular satires. Tragedies. Hone Hopus Pokus. "Nautch." "Hallucination Harriet." "Surrealist Caprice." "Candid Camera," etc. Donate 25c at 9 P.M. 13 West 17th St.

Bronx

NEW THEATRE LEAGUE last performance. Two one-act Plays on Spain, also Case Car Orchestra. 1187 So. Boulevard, Bronx. Ausp.: Prospect Workers Center. 9 P.M.

SOMETHING DIFFERENT!!! Something new—at our Mardi Gras . . . Dance Games. And fun for All till ? A.M.??? Adm. 25c. 785 Westchester Ave., 2nd floor. C.P. 3rd A.D.

ENTERTAINMENT & DANCE . . . at Middle Bronx Workers Center, 432 Claremont Pkwy. Ausp. Workers Forum, 4th A.D. 8:30 P.M.

BRONX WORKERS CULTURE CLUB, 1753 Boston Road. A lecture—"Marxism, the Development in Function of Money," by Dave Kuntz.

JAM SESSION at New John Reed Youth House, Popular Band, Refreshments, Subs. 25c. Dancing to a band every Saturday. Canned music on Sunday. 1848 Westchester Ave.

HUNTS POINT BRANCH YCL is again going to town with another swell affair. 500 Southern Blvd. Apt. 2T. 8:30 P.M.

Brooklyn

PRESENTING the Contemporary Players in "Awake and Sing," by Clifford Odets. Directed by Orin Jennings of the Group Theatre. 381 Rockaway Ave. Ausp. Brownsville Community Center. 8 P.M. sharp.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY . . . Comrade George Blake! Come, help us celebrate our section organizer's birthday! Dance! Eat! Be Merry!!! 2166 86th St. Adm. 25c.

HEAR W. BROWDER and I. Kotzik at Lenin Memorial Meeting. Musical program. E.N.Y. Community Center, 603 Cleveland St., cor. Blake Ave., 8:30 P.M.

PLENTY of Fun and Frolic! Popular Swing Music. First Annual Dance, Sponsored by Ladies Auxiliary of the Taxi Division-Transport Workers Union. 153 W. 64th St. 8 P.M. Subs. 40c. Entertainment.

ANALYSIS of the news of the week . . . Murray Blyne, speaker. Admission 20c. 2nd Floor. 35 East 12th St. Ausp.: Workers School. 8:30 P.M. Jan. 30th.

CHARLES SEEGER, lecture with recordings on American Folk Music and the Labor Movement. Admission 50c. 68 East 12th St. Ausp.: Downtown Music School. 5:30 P.M. Sun., Jan. 30th.

LECTURE and social will be held at 101 Avnue A. Speaker Henry Ware, three years in USSR. Cherneshevsky Youth Division. Adm. 10c. 7 P.M.

SAMUEL SEIDMAN, nationally known lecturer student of Soviet Union discusses USSR. 2230 Bainbridge Ave., Bx., Room 301. Ausp. Peoples-Educational Forum. 8:30 P.M.

DANCE AND DANCE . . . Refreshments and plenty to eat. . . . IWO Branch 2605. 5 P.M. 306 E. 149th St. All welcome. Contribution 25c.

PARTY & DANCE to Aid Spain. . . . Refreshments and lots of fun. 61 East 96th St. 8:30 P.M.

BREAK THE ICE at our Snow Festival Dancing, Spanish JSU Poster Exhibition. Nellie Clark YCL, Elton St. cor. Blake Ave. 8:30 P.M.

DANCE—ENTERTAINMENT — Refreshments free. Subscription 25c, held at American League for Peace and Democracy. 1148 Eastern Parkway. Ausp.: Anti-Fascist Professional Group. 8:30 P.M.

Sunday

DEL And LEFTY speak again!!! The subject is Cartooning . . . on the Walls—New Posters of Spain. Refreshments for consuming. Chinese Cultural Club, 144 2nd Ave. Ausp.: Labor Arts. YCL. 15c. 7 P.M.

JOHN FRY swings, again!!! Your favorite Big Appler is back! Shag, truckin', Suzi-Q, Tango, Waltz. Everybody dances! No wallflowers! Subs. 25c. 121 E. 19th St. Ausp.: Gramercy Arts Group. 8:30 P. M.

GEORGE MILLS will speak on "What Is Happening in the World Today." 107 McDougal St. Ausp.: Matteoti League. 8 P.M.

HOUSEWARMING in our new headquarters. Good entertainment. Subs. 25c. 862 E. Tremont Ave., Bronx. 7th A.D. Communist Party. 8 P.M.

SOCIAL TRADITIONS in Poetry. Reading-Lecture, Robert Scales-Whittington, author-forthcoming book of poems. "Robin on the Square." 8:30 P.M. Spartacus Center, 269 W. 25th St., corner 8th Ave. Adm. 25c.

FOREIGN RELATIONS Comm. of the Hunts Point Br. YCL, announces there first party. 1586 Noe Ave., Bronx. Apt. 3-C. 8:30 P.M.

"WHAT Next in Palestine?" This burning question will be discussed by John Arnold, editor of "Jewish Life," 180 2nd Ave., near 12th St. 8:30 P.M.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE—Dance. Girl Orchestra. Hot Cha'. All Welcome. Friendly gathering. Refreshments. Subs. 25c. 47 E. 12th St. Ausp.: Manhattan Chorus, 8:30 P.M.

Coming

CHINESE VANGUARD NIGHT — Chinese Modern Art, Exhibition Music, prominent speakers, dance, at 50 Bowery, Monday, January 31, at 8 P.M.

ANTI-FASCIST professionals WPA Theatre Party. "Housing." Feb. 9. Tickets—Workers Bookshop or S. Marvit, Room 2106, 220 W. 42nd St., Wis. 7-2928.

IT'S A DATE! Friday, Feb. 11th. Workers Alliance Second Annual Ball. Dance—Truck—Shag—Big Apple to Earl Howard's Band. Then Harlem Children's Chorus, skits—all for 40c. Royal Windsor, 66th St. and Broadway. 8:30 P.M.

SUPPORT FEDERAL ART Bill at Lincoln Birthday Party. . . . Labor Stage. Stars! Will Geer! Manhattan Chorus! Magician! United American Artists, CIO. Feb. 12.

WORKERS SCHOOL Dance. . . . Saturday evening, Feb. 26. Music by the Swingmasters, at the Center Hotel, 108 W. 43rd St. Adm., in advance 40c, at door 55c.

"PINS AND NEEDLES" cast at the Steno's Ball, 75c in advance. $1.00 at door. Royal Windsor, 66th St. Feb. 5.

CONCERT AND DANCE. 220 East Broadway, N.Y.C. Ausp.: Committee to Support Political Prisoners in Byalistick, Poland. Feb. 5, 8:30 P.M.

INTERNATIONAL BRIGADE and other movies; veteran speaker; exhibit of Spanish posters; dancing. John Reed House, 1848 Westchester Ave., Bronx. Ernie Amat Branch of the Friends of Lincoln Brigade. Ausp.: Feb. 6, 7 P.M.

LEAGUE of Neighborhood Clubs Reunion. Dance in honor of Sol Rose & Dan Groden, wounded in Spain. Spartacus. 269 W. 25th St. Tickets 40c at bookshop, 50 E. 13th St. Feb. 19.

"TRUCKING, Moving and Expressing." Swing Band. Twenty beautiful hostesses. Feb. 5. A ticket in advance means free Big Apple lesson. Feb. 3, 7:30 P.M. Subs. 40c. Advance 35c. Ausp.: New Dance Group. 26 W. 16th St.

SEASON'S FIRST New Theatre Night! "Plant in the Sun," hilarious labor comedy, and "Hello, Franco," drama of the Lincoln Brigade, also Fred Keating; and new monologue by Morris Carnovsky. Mercury Theatre, Sunday matinee and evening, Jan. 30. Tickets, New Theatre League, CHickering 4-8198.

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